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LONG-SERVING HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER STEPS DOWN

By Matthew Stanton

A WESTCLIFF grandmother has retired following 18 years as a trolley service manager at Southend Hospital.

Marjorie Smith, of Grosvenor Road, has been a familiar sight for patients in the hospital for her work with the Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

The volunteer, who has 10 great grandchildren, started volunteering after leaving her full-time job as a personal assistant for communications firm BT.

She was managing the service within three months.

Marjorie said: "I've decided it's time for me to take things a little easier.

"I am saying goodbye to a lovely crowd, but it's time to have a bit more time for myself.

"I got great satisfaction from helping in Southend Hospital. Other than doctors and nurses, the only other people some patients got to see were us."

Marjorie and her team of 30 volunteers take and sell items such as chocolates, sweets, soft drinks and toiletries via three trolleys manned by two volunteers.

Helpers travel most of the 41 wards throughout the hospital.

Mrs Smith was presented with a bouquet of flowers from hospital chairman, John Bruce, and the board of governors and directors.

She also received a number of cards and flowers from various members of her team.

RETIRED: Volunteer, Marjorie Smith, with flowers given to her by Southend Hospital colleagues.

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Cliff lift

THE 98-year-old cliff lift on Southend seafront will be finally open for visitors this summer.

More than £650,000 has been invested in the funicular lift to bring it back to its former glory.

The money was spent on new rail lines for the lift, new brakes, a motor and some new controls.

There are only 26 structures like the lift in the country.

Pool webcam

SOUTHEND residents can keep an eye on the progress of the town's new Garon Park pool development, thanks to a spy in the sky.

A council webcam is now providing daily updates to show how the £13.3million pool is taking shape.

The 25-metre pool should be open by late summer.

To view the webcam images, log on to www.southend.gov.uk

Joan Armatrading

POPULAR singer songwriter, Joan Armatrading, will be appearing at the Cliffs Pavilion, in Westcliff, on Wednesday, April 14.

The three times Grammy nominated singer will perform some of her best-known hits, including Love And Affection, Willow and Drop The Pilot.

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 8pm, are priced at £29.50. To book, call the box office on 01702 351135.

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INKED (L-R): Sarah Rudd, Stacey Cascarino, Annette Elgar, Franca Wood, Pauline Langley, Caroline Wood, Pauline Heseltine and Maria Moore, holding son Archie Stevens.

Tatt's to say 'thank you'

By Matthew Stanton

A SOUTHEND mother has been the
inspiration for a sudden tattoo craze in
an attempt to raise awareness about a
Southend Hospital campaign.

Pauline Langley, of St Luke's Road,
Southend, was diagnosed with breast
cancer last year and decided to get a
pink ribbon tattooed to say thanks for
Southend Hospital's treatment.

Friends of the 44-year-old decided to
follow in her footsteps in an attempt to
get donations for the hospital's Bosom
Pals Appeal.

More than £3,000 has been raised for
the good cause so far.

Pauline said: "The staff at the hospi-
tal were so absolutely fantastic that I
thought, What can I do to help?"

"I'd come away from the unit think-
ing a box of chocolates just wasn't
enough."

The mother-of-two found out she had
cancer following a mammogram last
August. Pauline then underwent a
lumpectomy and five-and-a-half weeks
of radiotherapy.

Pauline, who works at Fat Cats, in
Southend, which she runs with hus-

band Ian, 49, managed to get friend
Franca Wood involved.

Her daughter Stacey, 23, also joined
in the craze and before long, 12 women
had the tiny mark.

According to Silver Needles tattoo
parlour, in Southend, which has been
carrying out the £10 tattoo, another 18
women have also had ribbons.

Southend Hospital's Bosom Pals
Appeal aims to raise £750,000 for the
breast unit.

All money raised will help to buy
two full-field digital mammography
machines.

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NOW WE'RE TALKING: Members of the Southend Speakability group at Wesley Methodist Church, in Leigh.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

New Aphasia help group

By Karen Davis

A NEW group has been set up in Leigh to help and support people whose speech has been affected by Aphasia.

Aphasia, also known as Dysphasia, is the loss of speech and language after a stroke, head injury or other neurological condition.

The Speakability group, in Southend, is keen to encourage people with Aphasia to join them at their monthly meetings.

Group leader, Keith Pelling, said: "As well as losing their speech, aphasia can leave a person unable to under-

stand what is being said to them, to read, to write, or to use numbers.

"However, the person's intellect is not affected.

"There are more than a quarter of a million people living with this 'hidden disability' in the UK alone and their needs are often overlooked because they have lost the ability to ask for the help and services that we are all entitled to."

Speakability (Action for Dysphasic Adults) is the national charity offering practical support and information to people with Aphasia, their families and carers, through a free helpline (0800 8808 9572), a range of helpful

publications, communication tools and training materials.

At the core of the charity is a UK-wide network of self-help groups.

These groups offer people with Aphasia a way of ensuring support for their long-term needs.

Speakability groups are led by people with Aphasia, for people with Aphasia.

The groups offer the chance for people with Aphasia to do something for themselves, practice their speech and explore other ways of communicating in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Above all, the groups can rebuild a

person's sense of empowerment and self-esteem, as well as provide an opportunity to socialise with others who understand the challenges of living with Aphasia.

The Southend Speakability group currently meets at the Wesley Methodist Church in Leigh.

The group meet once a month on a Wednesday - for more details, call Keith on 07852 422 022.

To find out more about Aphasia or donate to Speakability, call 020 7261 9572, e-mail speakability@speakability.org.uk or visit the Speakability website at www.speakability.org.uk

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A Cyclewatch event, which will give people the chance to get their bike fitted with an electronic security tag, will take place at the Friars Library, The Renown, Shoeburyness.

The tagging sessions will be held on Saturday, April 10, from 9.30am to 1pm.

For more information, call Southend Neighbourhood Watch on 01702 215 011.

Security guards robbed at ASDA

TWO security guards were made to hand over a bag containing a five-figure sum of cash by a man who held a sharpened object.

The incident happened near the cash machines at ASDA, North Shoebury Road, Shoeburyness, just before 2pm on Wednesday, March 31.

Police are looking for a slim white man, about 5ft 9ins tall.

If you have any information, call Southend Police Station on 0300 333 4444.

Can you shed any light on lamppost theft?

POLICE are hoping members of the public can shine a light on an unusual theft.

A five-foot tall, bronze, Victorian-style lamppost with four glass panels was stolen from a front garden in Silverdale Avenue, Westcliff, at some point between 1.30pm and 4.45pm on Wednesday, March 24.

Police believe a vehicle took the object away.

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Wat Tyler Country Park

Yellow Advertiser reporter Paul Giles gets in the saddle to explore the Essex and East London backwaters. Over the next two years, the YA will visit more than 100 country parks and nature reserves using only public transport and a fold-up bike.

IT may not sound ideal being sandwiched between a refuse tip and a landfill site, but Wat Tyler Country Park offers 125 acres of beautiful countryside.

Located within the South Essex Marshes, next to Vange Creek, it is easily accessible as Pitsea train station is a five-minute walk away. The nearest bus stop is at Pitsea Broadway 15 minutes away.

The park is just five minutes from the A13, with just one access point by road.

River users can access the park via the estuary, as there is a marina at the park's furthest point.

Once in the grounds, the main footpaths take walkers around the perimeter of the park with most hugging the estuary and marshes.

Walkways also cut through the centre, meeting at a crossroads with statues of various kings from the past.

A network of smaller paths take you into the woodland.

One route takes walkers and cyclists directly through what used to be a Roman Bath. These smaller walkways are more of a challenge

than other paths but offer more seclusion and serenity.

A sculpture trail is one of the unique features and the Sonic Marshmallows are a playful and engaging piece where people can speak into the dish and communicate with someone else standing 60 metres away.

Some of the work looks alien in a rural setting – as is the case with the Marshmallows – but they add a fresh dimension.

A new Heritage Centre displays exhibitions about the park and there is a cafe built in what used to be a munitions factory.

Structures such as pill boxes, roadways and MoD buildings can be explored and provide an insight into the history of the park.

Other buildings include the RSPB centre, which holds events and guided walks.

The charity has supplied a lot of bird watching huts in the park that overlook marshland and offer a variety of wading birds for keen twitchers to watch.

A sense of the area's past and its history is ever present across the landscape, with

large banks of earth left from the munitions factory that were used as blast barriers.

The varied terrain includes grazing meadows, ancient hedgerows, tidal waterways, sea walls and field boundaries, all evidence of the way people once used the area for commerce and living.

The name 'Wat Tyler' was given to the park when Basildon Council took over the site in 1969. It is named after the infamous leader of the Peasant's Revolt in 1381.

The name has particular significance for the area as the revolt was started by the men of Fobbing – a place that can be seen from the marina.

Future plans include extending a mini railway from the front gate to the river and creating a new eco centre that will include interactive displays about the geological and social history of the district.

Wat Tyler Country Park offers a great mix of nature, education and interaction, and will soon be expanded.

With its play areas, artwork, exhibitions and cafe, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

FACTFILE

- **NAME:** Wat Tyler Country Park.
- **WHERE:** Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, SS16 4UH.
- **CALL:** 01268 550088
- **WEBSITE:** www.wat Tylercountrypark.org
- **SIZE:** 126 acres.
- **FACILITIES:** Heritage centre, cafe, country and coastal walks, cycle access, playground, RSPB centre, marina.
- **UNIQUE:** The park is considered one of the best sites in Essex for attracting avocets and kingfishers.

GETTING THERE

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Pitsea station on the c2c line; First buses number 22, 2, Arriva number 5 or NIBS number 21.
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MODERN (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP): One of the pieces of art in Wat Tyler Park; a wood carving and YA reporter Paul Giles by one of the Sonic Marshmallows. Pictures by Martin Dalton



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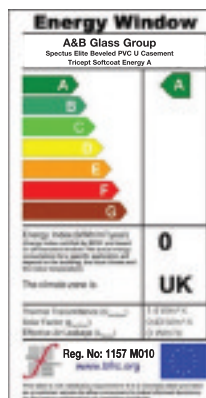


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Special report - Southend i-Lab

Get inside the i-Lab



By Stephen Neale

HAVING fun at work is not an innovation - but it is in short supply, sometimes.

So we arrived at the Southend i-Lab, at the University of Essex, wanting to learn and enjoy, but guessing it would require some effort. It didn't.

Our session only lasted three hours, but was like a Tardis moment: small on the outside, spaciouly crammed with good stuff inside.

I was asked to fill out a 'Facilitator Briefing Form' the week before.

Although we function very well as a newsdesk, we're a relatively large team (17 of us). No one has left the business for four years, so there are inevitably problems and disagreements from time to time.

I'd listed 'issues' in the office as work overload, egos, miscommunication and problems at home sometimes getting in the way of team-work and morale.

The key question before arriving was: what would a 'perfect session' in the i-Lab achieve?

I'd emailed back: 'A fun afternoon, a better understanding of how we work as a team (good or bad) and improved working relationships'.

The 'Innovation Lab' claims to provide the tools and space that staff and managers need to unlock business-changing ideas and problem solving.

Groups who have used the centre

since its creation in 2004 include local authorities, police forces, schools, government departments and businesses.

Walking inside was like entering a children's playschool. Puppets, puzzles, toys and models were spread across the spacious room.

A pair of double doors led into the circular i-Lab where 16 computer stations and six projectors were surrounded by whiteboards.

Like mischievous children we were gently coaxed out of the Lab to explore the main room and its 'toys'.

Most of us immediately began fiddling with the puzzles and opening boxes. A few queued at the coffee machine, idly chatting and watching.

Everyone's mood was inquisitive, positive and relaxed. There were no secrets or mind games.

Project facilitator Dave Goody explained how using creative play and discovery helped guide groups and individuals through the problems and challenges they face, freeing up ideas and solutions in a fun way.

After some 'break-the-ice' exercises, which involved writing the song that sums up your life and drawing a group picture of your colleagues, the moment of truth arrived.

We stepped into i-Lab.

There was a palpable sense of collective expectation and excitement. It was like walking into a gentle operating theatre where the scalpels

had been replaced by keyboards, screens and marker pens.

This was the business end of the session, and we entered a grown-up world in a self-induced child-like state - a warm feeling I recognised from a too distant past.

Just in case anyone forgot why we were there, we were told how a combination of the right environment and the best technologies helped people to communicate their ideas, get good results from the workshops and ultimately, the best results for the business or team.

The session involved talking to each other via keyboards, with all our sentences displayed on a plasma screen at the end of the room. We opted for anonymous input to explore the most outrageous thoughts and criticisms.

Our 'crazy' ideas ranged from introducing flexi time, new computers and better quality tea to criticism of working practices and negative attitudes between certain individuals.

All comments received multiple anonymous replies, allowing thoughts and comments to be explored, challenged or supported.

We took away loads of ideas. Not so many have been introduced yet, but we left as a better, happier team. I hope they'll have us back.

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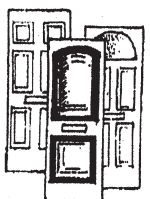
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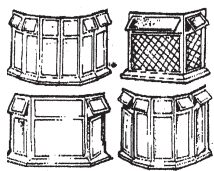
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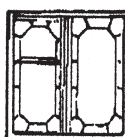
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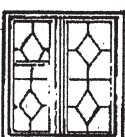
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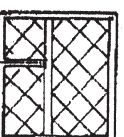
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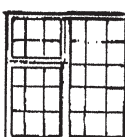
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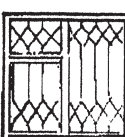
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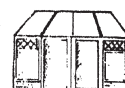
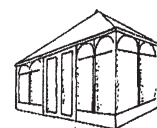
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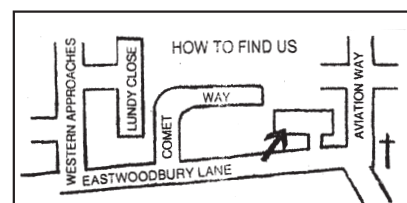
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Jenny Green (sub editor)

I THINK everyone came away from the experience feeling positive about it.

Although I wasn't too sure what to expect from the day, it was quite good fun and everyone really got stuck in.

It was nice to escape the confines of the office, too, and watching my colleagues play with toys and act like big kids made me see them in a different light!

The whole set-up of the i-Lab was very clever. It looked like

someone's living room so you felt relaxed, but everything about it had been designed to encourage teamwork.

It was a good opportunity to get things off your chest.

Matthew Stanton (senior reporter)

AS SOON as I walked into the i-Lab it was clear to me that the whole project was going to be fun. There was room full of modern and traditional gadgets and I felt like a big kid again.

What we thought about the i-Lab...

In the first project we had to come up with a song title and images based on a story you want to come true.

The venture I enjoyed most was the 'online forum', which allowed users to leave anonymous messages on how the business, or people, could change for the better.

Martyn Dolton (reporter)

I LIKED the fact that there were no rules. For me it reminded me of being a child - everything in the first five minutes had to be touched and explored, from toy drums to a Newton's Cradle.

Activities were designed to see how we worked as a team, while others were to see what other colleagues thought of you in the workplace. It really opened my eyes to my strengths and weaknesses.

Paul Giles (reporter)

THE ice-breaker helped everyone relax.

One of the most innovative parts

of the day was sitting at the computer network where suggestions could be posted anonymously.

This helped people air any concerns they had in the work place without feeling embarrassed.

Although the anonymity bought up valid issues about the workplace, it also created some humorous situations with people claiming they were someone else.



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■ It was created to transport users out of their everyday environment into an extraordinary space designed to encourage and inspire creative thought.

■ The i-Lab stands for 'Innovation Laboratory'.

■ The University of Essex recently

led a project to set-up i-Labs in Europe and study how the concept worked in other countries.

■ Book an i-Lab session at either the Colchester or Southend Campus to take place before August 2010 and receive a 50 per cent discount.

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DEMI Ward, from Wickford, used to answer phones for a living, but now she has swapped the life of the call centre for one of camshafts and carburettors.

The 18-year-old is currently doing an apprenticeship in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance and Repair at South Essex College of Further & Higher Education.

The student is in the first year of her apprenticeship, which is based at the college's Basildon campus.

Demi is the only female student on the course.

The teenager's commitment has already impressed her work-based learning lecturer and assessor, Steve Robertson, who said: "Demi is bright, positive and hardworking."

She is very brave to work in a 'heavy lorry' site as it is rare to see female employees in this environment."

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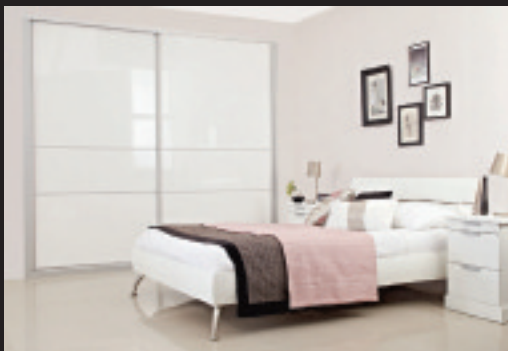
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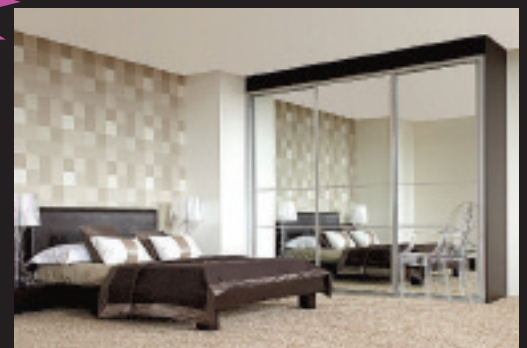


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Celebs support the Colourthon

By Karen Davis

A MAJOR charity event is returning to Southend this year, with lots of local celebrities showing their support for it.

The Colourthon is focused on the local community and the organisers, Southend Round Table, claim that this year the event will be bigger and better than ever.

Returning to walk this year will be Olympic swimmer and star of Strictly Come Dancing, Mark Foster. And joining him for her first ever Colourthon will be the star of Channel 4's Countdown, Rachel Riley.

This year's event will be the fourth Colourthon and since 2007, it has raised more than £500,000 for 236 charities.

The Colourthon comprises of two events that will both take place on Saturday, July 3.

The main event is the Moonlight Colourthon - a 13.5-mile charity walk that takes in the sights and sounds of Southend by night.

And during the day, there will be a smaller event, designed primarily for children, called the Sunlight Colourthon.

It is hoped that local schools will get behind the event and use it as a means to generate much-needed funds for themselves.

The Colourthon has a unique selling point, as it is up to the participants to choose who will benefit from their efforts. The only stipulation is that the charity must be a registered one.

Walkers wishing to enter the Colourthon must nominate a registered charity who they will collect sponsorship money for.

If they're not sure who to walk for, the official event website may give them some inspiration.

Application forms for the event are available from many locations in the Southend area or you can register online via the official event website - www.colourthon.org

SUPPORTIVE: Countdown's Rachel Riley will be taking part in the Colourthon.

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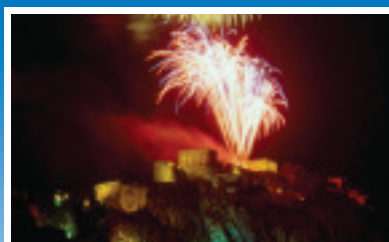
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Centre manager, Ian Kettlewell, explained that entrepreneurs can go there to try out their business ideas.

He said: "This is a great development for the Seedbed Centre as our whole ethos is about helping businesses to get started and then flourish.

"These new facilities will really support that aim.

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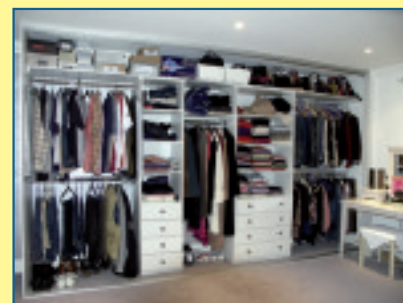


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Gearing up for SX Fest

FESTIVAL: Organiser, Jackie Lackenby, gets ready to rock.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

By Matthew Stanton

THOUSANDS of music lovers are expected to attend a two-day festival featuring more than 80 Essex bands in Rochford.

Jackie Lackenby, from Southend, has set up the SX Festival on Tabors Farm, in Shopland Road, over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16.

The event will include stages for dub, hip hop, acoustic and dance music and will feature more than 50 DJs.

The festival will also include a free children's field, craft market, DJ stand and the main stage for headliners such as Eddie and the Hot Rods, Goldmaster Allstars (pictured below), Missing Andy and Power of Voodoo.

Jackie, who used to run a music PA business for nightclubs, said: "I am expecting the festival to be a big hit, with around 3,000 people a day expected to turn out."

"I have tried to keep the event as local as I can with many bands coming from Essex, especially from the Southend area."

"As you can see, I have tried to cater for a variety of different music interests and for people of all ages."

Those looking to bring their children can take advantage of face painting, magicians and workshops.

Fair Havens Hospice will benefit from some of the proceeds made at the festival, as it is the chosen charity. A CD will also be made for the hospice with bands donating a song.

The festival replaces the popular Sutton with Shopland Festival, which attracted thousands of revellers from across the county.

Organisers pulled out of the event last year due to lack of funding.

For more about the SX Festival, visit www.sxfestival.co.uk or e-mail jackie@sxfestival.co.uk



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Marathon mum gets in training



By Karen Davis

A MUM of one is looking for sponsorship to enable her to run the Virgin London Marathon in April.

Accountant Ruth Lambert, 35, has recently completed a kilomathon and hopes to raise £1,600 for the homeless charity, Crisis.

If Ruth does not raise the pledged amount of money, she will forfeit her place so desperately needs sponsorship.

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MARATHON MUM: Ruth Lambert is in training for the Virgin London Marathon.
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London 2012 news round-up

Take part in Olympic tour

IMPRESSIVE: The Olympic Stadium.
Pictures by Martyn Dolton



With the Olympics just over two years away, reporter Martyn Dolton went on a tour of the Olympic Park to see how the big build is progressing

"THE INTERNATIONAL Olympic Committee has the honour of announcing that the Games of the 30th Olympiad in 2012 are awarded to the city of London."

Those words spoken by The IOC president, Jacques Rogge, on July 6, 2005, marked the start of one of the biggest modern projects the country has ever seen.

And big it certainly is.

If anyone had any question about that, all it would take is one visit to the park and all doubts would disappear in an instant.

Even before the Games have even started, security on the site, in Stratford, is as huge as the big build project itself.

All visitors on board the tour bus had to provide pho-

tographic ID and the entrance to the park can only be described as London's very own Checkpoint Charlie – nobody would be able to get in without guards knowing it.

During the public tours, before the bus is allowed to enter, security is even higher with sniffer dogs being placed on board to ensure the vehicle contains no explosives.

But once all checks are over and you enter the park, you are immediately greeted by the gigantic press and broadcasting centre which will be the hub for 20,000 of the world's media, come Games time.

The shell of the building is so big, it could house five jumbo jets quite comfortably.

When you consider this building represents just a fraction of the Olympic park, you can then start to appreciate the true scale of the project.

The majority of the park still resembles a building site with facilities such as the hockey courts, basketball arena and handball arena resembling nothing more than a pile of building materials, but the three main iconic structures of the park are already dominating the skyline.

The main structures of the Olympic stadium, velodrome and aquatics centre are all in place and it is these that make this building site resemble an Olympic park.

The tour lasts about an hour and en route, visitors can see, and are reminded of, just how neglected this site was in the past.

It is hard to believe that the site where the aquatics centre now stands used to be Europe's biggest refrigerator dumping ground.

The use of the land for things like this and other industrial activities meant that before any work could start on the site, the area had to be made safe with millions of tonnes of soil having to be washed to remove things like petrol, oil, tar, and heavy metals such as arsenic and lead.

Reuse of materials such as the soil has made the Games the greenest yet, with 97 per cent of raw materials on the site being recycled.

With construction due to be completed in the summer of 2011 – one year before Games time – London will be looking forward to hosting the 30th Olympic Games and holding the accolade of the only city on earth to host the event three times.

The first time we hosted the Games was in 1908, but that was only due to the misfortune of Rome, which was due to be the host before Mt Vesuvius erupted in 1906.

The second time was meant to be in 1944 but the Second World War saw an end to that so London hosted the Games in 1948 on a shoestring budget.

London 2012 therefore looks to be the most organised Games to be held in the capital – if anything goes wrong we cannot blame it on volcanoes or war – which is why London 2012 should make one of the biggest statements we have ever made.

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New High Sheriff takes up his role

THE NEW High Sheriff of Essex has taken up his duties after swearing his declaration at ceremony at Chelmsford Crown Court on Monday.

Michael Hindmarch, who lives in Danbury, becomes the 830th person to hold the position.

There is an estimated 400,000 people undertaking some form of charity or voluntary work in Essex. The High Sheriff plays an essential role in being able to applaud, appreciate, enthuse and at times reward this army of unsung heroes.

The High Sheriffs' Fund will benefit from funds raised during his year, through which Michael will support voluntary and community groups working throughout Essex to make their communities safe from crime and the fear of crime.

The High Sheriffs' Fund is managed by local grantmaking charitable trust, Essex Community Foundation. Since it came under the Foundation's management in 1997, the Fund has distributed more than £280,000 to 344 voluntary and community groups all working hard to make

our communities safer from crime.

Michael said: "I am looking forward to my year as High Sheriff and to travelling to all corners of Essex to meet the committed and dedicated people that are running charities and voluntary organisations in their local communities.

"Tapping into Essex Community Foundation's knowledge and expertise of the voluntary sector will help me to have a greater understanding of the needs in Essex."

His career has seen him as a director of a number of companies in both the private and public sectors in the fields of industry, retail and the media.

One of his greatest interests is in encouraging and supporting business enterprise in young people. He is also a very interested in conservation and is a keen sportsman.

For information about the High Sheriffs' Fund and Essex Community Foundation visit www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or call Jo Murphy on 01245 355947.

NEW ROLE: Michael Hindmarch is the new High Sheriff of Essex.



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Twins given top YOPEY award

SOUTHEND twins Emily and Lauren Smoothy were the big winners at the Essex Police Young People of the Year awards ceremony last week.

The 17-year-olds, of Bishopsteignton, Shoeburyness, won £1,000 for their Driving with Grace campaign.

Emily and Lauren raised £8,000 after their friend Eleanor McGrath was killed in a road accident caused by a newly qualified teenage driver.

Another friend, Jack Horton, was left on life support and five others were seriously injured.

The campaign is aimed at making newly qualified drivers aware of their responsibility not to drive dangerously.

Eleanor's mother, Gillian, also paid tribute to the girls.

She said: "We are thrilled for them following all their hard work. The girls have been an inspiration – all Eleanor's friends have."

"It's amazing to see young people with so much determination send out such an important message."

"Emily and Laura's work has not only helped raise important funds, it has also helped us



as a family through the grieving process."

A host of young people were celebrated across the night at the YOPEYs with representatives of the Queen, the Chief Constable and most of the county's mayors and council chairmen in attendance.

Second-place winners were 'Team 35', a group of 16 young people who went on a Prince's Trust personal devel-

opment course when they were unemployed. For their community project they painted a dilapidated children's nursery in Basildon.

The 16 to 25-year-olds, who come from all over central and south Essex, won £500, including £250 for the Prince's Trust. The group has chosen to give its personal prize money of £250 to the Kent View pre-school in Kent View Road.

Team 35 member John Jefford, of Shorefield, Benfleet, used to run with gangs but said the volunteer work helped him focus and 'see what I want to achieve in life – before I had no goals'.

Third-place winner was Rachel Aston, whose parents take in foster children to their Newmoor Crescent, Southminster home.

The 17-year-old won £250 of which £125 she is giving to the Maldon branch of St John.

The Junior Essex Police Young People of the Year were 'Partini', a group of five 15 to 16-year-olds from Beauchamps School, in Wickford, who show younger pupils how to party and have fun without alcohol.

YOPEY founder, Tony Gearing, said: "All these youngsters have shown that in a so-called celebrity age, you do not have to wait for reality TV to make you 'famous'."

"These youngsters have all had an idea and they have gone out and done it. They are role models for other young people who have the motivation to do the same."

For more information visit www.yopey.org

All 11 other finalists were given £50 surprise prizes for their good causes, including:

■ Scout Patrick Hennessey, 15, of Somerset Road, Linford, won £50 for the Docklands Scout Project, where he is a quartermaster and helps to run schemes for scouts and disadvantaged children.

■ St John cadet Bernie Rhodes, 17, of Ventura Drive, won £50 for her project to put rapid-response medical bicycles on to the crowded streets of Colchester.

■ Moulsham Youth Club member Melissa Frain, 14, of Gloucester Avenue, Chelmsford, won £50 for leading other youth club members in closing the generation gap by giving shows in old folks' homes and cleaning up graffiti.

■ Laura Flight, 16, of Juniper Crescent, Witham, won £50 for Chelmsford's Broomfield Hospital to add to the thousands she and her school, New Rickstones Academy in Witham, have raised. Laura is treated at the hospital for a damaged hip she was born with that leaves one leg shorter than the other.

■ Pupils at West Hatch High School in Chigwell won £50 to add to the £40,000 they helped to raise for Cancer Research UK by organising a London fashion show.

■ Sixth-formers at Saffron Walden County High won £50 to add to their Loving Life Legacy set up in memory of a pupil who died. The money is going to Andre Young's passions – history lessons and the local skateboard park.

■ Girl Guide Esther Pilgrim, 15, of Lombard Street, Finchingfield, won £50 for Contact a Family, just one of the local good causes she helps. Esther helps run three packs of young girls and takes part in fundraising for Essex churches every year.

■ Road accident victim Darren Peck, 19, of Geylen Road, Canvey Island, won £50 for Youth Arthritis Care, one of the charities he has helped while recovering from being knocked off his bicycle by a speeding driver.

■ Nikki Lewis, 22, of Malyons Place, Basildon, is an epileptic who dropped out of school, but has not let any of this hold her back. Despite having no qualifications, she has set up a dance school. She won £50 for her local branch of Epilepsy Action.

■ The contest's youngest finalist was 13-year-old Millie Park, of Rookes Crescent, Chelmsford, whose sister was filmed being knocked down by a lorry. Millie uses the film to campaign on road safety. She won £50 for road-safety charity Brake.

■ James Carter-Stoddart, 18, of Foxglove Close, Witham, won £50 towards his own anti-homophobia campaign.



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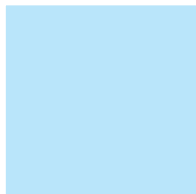
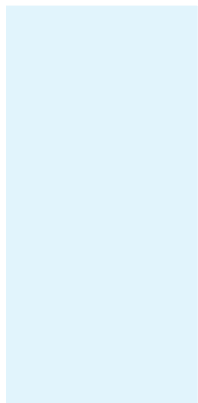
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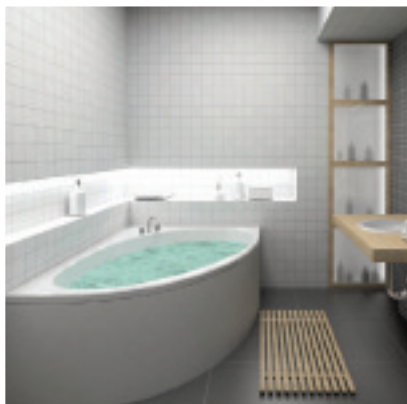
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IN reply to Tracy Jones (YA Letters, Mar 24), extolling the virtues of wind turbines and specifically those proposed for the Southminster area, she quotes them as able to supply 38 per cent of the homes in the Maldon area and being energy neutral in nine months.

This may be true if they were producing electricity 100 per cent of the time.

Lots of facts and figures are available from the Internet, among them that turbines only produce 18-30 per cent of their theoretical output over the course of a year (site dependant and generally better off shore than on). But it can be even worse.

A report from the Times Online on April 1 (worth reading in full) says that "...according to data released by Ofgem, the government's energy regulator, ... in 2007, and 2008 a very windy year, ... the worst performing wind farms both achieved under 8 per cent".

But ignoring the figures, just look outside, several times a day, as I have for years and see.

I'm a long time windsurfer even though this is one of the worst places for the sport as most of the time there isn't enough wind.

Where does most wind come from? Go to the west-coast, Wales or Cornwall, and look at the bent over trees on the shoreline.

A startling Internet 'fact' is that many thousands of turbines are needed to produce as much electricity as one major nuclear power station, which is why the French have so many of them.

As to having no effect on property values, surveys are very unreliable. Would you buy a home near 16 turbines?

And as to them lasting 25 years, some are already being replaced that are less than half that age.

I take it that as so many more thousands are needed to meet targets, then there are not enough offshore sites for them. Also, it costs far less (typically 1/3 is given) to build onshore than offshore and hence more profits for shareholders.

**Gary Tempest,
Burlescoombe Road,
Thorpe Bay**

...I agree

THE argument supporting wind farms has been lost, yet organisations such as the Friends of the Earth and the British Government continue with this expensive and extremely unreliable method of generating electricity.

The cost of electricity delivered to the point of use from wind farms out at sea or in

out of the way locations on land cannot be justified.

While nuclear power plants may be potential targets for terrorists, so are windmills, particularly if they are sited in the open seas.

I acknowledge that we must have sustainable ways of generating power, but if the economics fail, the method fails.

Using wind power may make some people feel they are saving the planet but they aren't. They are just helping to make life on the planet that bit more unbearable.

The use of wind power fell out of favour for milling wheat when the millers required a reliable source of power. Some windmills were fitted with auxiliary engines powered by fossil fuel. Others just closed the windmills completely and opted for the available alternative power.

There may be a future for windmills if they are used to pump water to a reservoir and the electricity is generated by water power. If the reservoir is big enough the power supply will be reliable and the cost bearable.

**Brian Lee
Woodfield Road, Hadleigh**

Cross your fingers

THE trees at Cuckoo Corner are down, the airport expansion is well under way, Victoria Circus and The

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The time for meetings and protests has passed. It was always going to happen, so maybe now it's time to accept the inevitable, move on and hope that things might not turn out as bad as the pundits imagine.

**David Barratt, Southbourne
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Are they all as bad as each other?

IN recent times, we have seen local MPs refusing to answer valid questions from local journalists about their expenses and one even hiding in a hairdressers to escape interrogation.

So many fiddled their expenses with too few honourable exceptions but the new allegations that former ministers offered their, paid, influence to change Government policy for the benefit of business clients makes disheartening reading for those of us old enough to recall more relatively honest

times.

If we know that vital decisions on local development projects can be made, not necessarily in the best interests of residents, but because an MP has been paid to affect the outcome, what faith can we have in consultation exercises or writing to our elected MP on the matter?

I believe honesty is too often lacking in the way we are governed today.

I accuse no particular party as any worse or better than their opposition number but can they blame us when we say 'They're all at it and all as bad as each other so what's the point of voting for any party?'

In recent weeks, we have seen the House of Lords make changes to the definition of 'main residence' to make it easier to claim for second home expenses so long as one night per month is spent there.

Yes, we know they are 'doing nothing wrong' and it's probably all 'within the rules', but it does seem, to a mere layman, that such thinking comes from a world of reality far removed from that in which most of us live.

There is the other form of

dishonesty of delaying, until after the election, the inevitable harsh measures that are going to be needed to deal with our horrendous debt and 'quantitative easing' (viz the printing of worthless paper money) in an attempt to kid the gullible that 'things aren't that bad'.

The continued denial of responsibility for running the country into near bankruptcy and trying to kid us that it is all down to mortgage-defaulting trailer home residents in America.

Is the answer to vote for our local independent candidates here in Southend in the hope that, without the backup of the party machine, they might feel the need to be more loyal to the people who put them in power? But does power corrupt everyone?

No wonder there will be so many who stay at home on May 6.

Just what responsibility do our present politicians have for this disillusion with democracy and the future dangers from an apathetic electorate?

**Steve Askham
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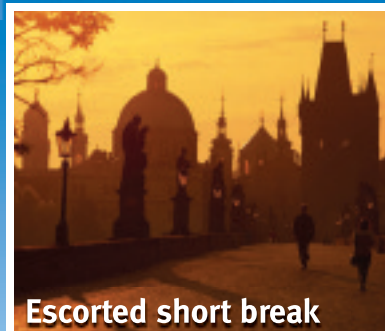
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Sunday, April 11

- Conservation Work Party, Hadleigh Castle Country Park, 10am, friendly group, no experience required, 01702 543193.
- Walk, Greenway Group, start 10am, Bickacre Recreation Ground car park (near school), 12 miles via Purleigh with pub stop. 01277 655496.
- Self Help Group for Stammerers, Basildon area, meets second Sunday every month, details 01268 454081/07964 356042 email: mm006e7184@blueyonder.co.uk
- Art, Photography plus Cards, a show of visual originality, work available to purchase, Hullbridge Community Centre, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge, 10.30am-3.30pm, free entry and car park. 01702 354414.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Open, situated by Waterside Sports Centre, Somnes Avenue, Canvey, every Sunday 10.30am-4pm, choice of two Railways Steam and Electric Locomotives, adults and children £1 each ride, all welcome.
- Trading Hut Open, Hockley and District Horticultural Society, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, every Sunday till end of October, 10am-noon, for all your gardening

- sundries.
- American Football, Essex Spartans, junior players wanted aged 14-19, training, Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, Sundays noon-2pm, further details from Head Coach Dave Barham 07930 442207.
- Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Men's Futsal Football Sessions, Markhams Chase, Basildon, Sundays 8-10pm, all abilities welcome, £4, further details Paul 07882 456558.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- Short Mat Bowls, Sundays 7.30-10pm, £1.50 entry, call Dave 01268 527084.

Monday, April 12

- Southend Stroke Club will be going out for a Carvery, the club meets 2nd and 4th Monday of the month and provides friendship and social activities for Stroke Survivors, their relatives and carers, transport may be available, further details Chris 01702 710714.
- Meeting, Epilepsy Support Group, George Hurd Centre, Basildon, various topics/activities, 7.45-10pm, further details Carol 01268 270697.
- Meeting, Roach WI, WI Hall, Rochford, 8pm, talk by Pat Gilbey 'Egg Bound', new members and visitors (£2) made very welcome.
- Meeting, Benfleet Camera Night, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, 'League Competition', 8-10pm, visitors welcome.
- Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ron Spack's Jazztet featuring Johnny Withers vibraphone/Gareth George guitar, 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Leigh on Sea Caledonian Dancers, St James Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Mondays 7.30-10.15pm, new members welcome, first night free. 01702 354414.
- Southend Chess Club, Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Mondays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.
- Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Meeting, Pintaols Social Club, off Rectory Road, Crest Avenue, Pitsea, bingo every Monday 1-4pm, we also arrange holidays

- and outings during the year, further details 01268 555952.
- Club 60, Floor 3, Queensway House, Essex Street, Southend, various activities every weekday, tea bar, non-members welcome, £1.50 day pass, details 01702 613562.
- Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, 4 sessions a day, Monday to Friday, details Ray 01268 777666.
- Come and try Lawn Bowls, VCA Riverview Bowls Club, Mopsies Park, Basildon, beginners very welcome, all equipment supplied, any Monday 5.30-7.30pm, or Tuesday 10am-noon, enquiries Dave Tandy 01268 762754.
- Vhst, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.
- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, all tops, skirts and trousers all at £1 each, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, doors open 7.30pm, admission £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NPSH healers, no charge, all donations to local Hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8-9.30pm, further details 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, Mondays and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club, Wesley Methodist Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, all standards welcome, Mondays 7-10pm, £2.50, just turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Short Mat Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 2-4pm.

Tuesday, April 13

- Coffee Morning and Sale, SE Essex RSPB Local Group, WI Hall, Rochford, 9am-noon, free admission, usual refreshments, bric-a-brac, plants, etc.

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■ Meeting, The James Joyce Society, Iveagh Club, 69 Leigh Road, to read, discuss and listen to a recording of 'The Dead', read by Jim Norton, further details Madeline Parsons 01702 478903.

■ Walk, Greenway Group, meet 10am, Hannakins Farm Community Centre car park (park far end), Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, 5 miles via Havering Gore and the Wild Valley. 01277 654626.

■ Lunchtime Recorded Music, Committee Room 10 (second floor), Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend, 'The 1,2,3 of Jazz No 10' John Askwew, 12.45-1.45, admission free.

■ Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, The Ship, New Road, Old Leigh, 'Mawkin Causley', 8pm, 01702 715111.

■ Meeting, Highlands Forum, Highlands Methodist Church Hall, (rear of the church in Olive Avenue), Leigh, 'Annual General Meeting', 2.30-4pm.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Tennis, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Tuesdays 7.30-10.30pm, all welcome, £3.50 a session. 01268 779100.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Meeting, Just Good Friends Friendship Club, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, for singles over 50. 01268 692998.

■ Singles Social Group, meets Halfway House Pub, Eastern Esplanade, Southend sea front, age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm. 07752 613021.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Menaparc), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, we are a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.

Wednesday, April 14

■ Meeting, Wickford Wildlife Society, Roman Catholic Church Hall, 61 London Road, Wickford, 'Insects in their natural habitat', a return visit by this popular photographer and speaker Mickey Andrews on the subject of insects in this country and some abroad, 8pm.

■ Lunch Club, Dementia Support, Alzheimer's Society Southend District, Castle Pub, Hadleigh, 12.30-3pm.

■ A 6-week Course, Organised by WEA Learning for Pleasure, St George's Small Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, 'The Golden Age of Plant Hunters', Tutor Peter White, 7.30-9.30pm, further details P Nairbrough 01268 759392.

■ Meeting, Southend Beating Bowl Cancer Support Group, Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, with talks, 1.30-4.30pm, tea and biscuits included, further details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.

■ Meeting, Castle Point Stroke Club, Runnymede Hall, Kiln Road, 2-4pm, as we have Victoria Yellop an International Violinist who plays to Royal Audience, anyone welcome. 01268 780701.

■ Barn Dance Club, Grand Cellidh Club, Southend Rugby Football Club, Sumpters Way, Southend, live music from Rat on a Stick, 8.30pm, free entry on first visit. 07818 622822.

■ Salsa, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm, no partner required. 01268 465854.

■ Over 50s Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.30 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Charlie 01277 623752.

■ Ladies Football, Futsal Fitness Sessions, Fryerns Recreation Ground, community project supported by Basildon Council, £1 drop in sessions every Wednesday 7-8pm, ages 16-60, details call Paul 07882 456588.

■ Rayleigh Country Market, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, every Wednesday 8.30-11.30am.

Thursday, April 15

■ Social Afternoon, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Parish Council Rooms, West Street, Rochford, 2-4pm.

■ Ladies Club, Chalkwell Methodist Church Hall, Kingsway, Westcliff, 2pm, new members welcome.

■ Sales Table, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Thursday 7.30am-3.30pm, toys, books, bric-a-brac, etc. 01702 586697.

■ Ballroom Dancing, Lourdes Hall, Marguerite Drive, Leigh, 8-10.30pm, newcomers welcome, particularly single people looking for company, music and dancing to suit all. 01702 475452.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Ballroom, Latin and Sequence Dancing, Hadleigh Hall, John Burrows Recreation Ground, Rectory Road, 8-10.45pm, for unattached over 40s, £4.

■ Buddies Club for single over 50s, Anchor Pub, Essex Way, Benfleet, varied programme, Thursdays 8.30pm. 01268 753667.

■ Whist Drive, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Marguerite Drive, Leigh, Thursdays 1.45pm, entry £1.20.

■ Drama/Social Club, working for Animal Charities, St George's Hall (near Tarports), Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, new members needed, no acting experience required, Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 697357.

■ Social Tennis, Crowstone and St Saviour's LTC, Victory Path, Chalkwell, Thursdays 2pm, for improvers, £3 visitors fee. 01702 711823.

■ Yoga Classes, Unitarian Hall, Grange Gardens, Southend, 6-7.30pm and 8-9.30pm, non-profit making. 01702 616990.

■ Try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, £3.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance, Shoboury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoboury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-

11.30am, all welcome.

■ Meeting, Billericay Art Club, Church Hall, Great Burstead, 8pm, new members of every ability welcome, details 01277 656677.

Friday, April 16

■ Live Music, Preview Live Music Club, The Spread Eagle, Victoria Avenue, Prittlewell, Southend, 'The Blarneys', 8.30pm, free entry, membership £1 for life.

■ Art and Craft Class, Crowstone Christian Centre, Westcliff, every Friday, 1.30-4pm, call Christina 01702 347458.

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Come and try Diving, Gloucester Park Swimming Pool, every Friday 8-10pm, learn to scuba dive, details Paul 07802 643734.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

■ Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 293794.

■ Stone Carving and Sculpture Classes, Studio Workshop, professional tuition, traditional tools hammer and chisel, Fridays 8-10pm, further details Jim Davis 01702 292867.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Edmunds Hall, St Edmunds Close, (off Pantile Avenue), Southend, Fridays 8pm, healing from 7pm.

■ Clairvoyance, Hockley Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley, (next to Spa Pub), visiting mediums, Fridays 7.30-9.30pm.

■ Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.

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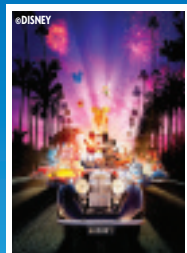
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Kick-Ass (15) BEING a superhero is a dangerous business in Matthew Vaughn's brutal coming of age tale, based on the comic written by Mark Millar and John S Romita Jr.

An unnoticed high school student (Aaron Johnson) surprises his comic-book obsessed friends by appearing one day with a new wetsuit and declaring that he is going to be a superhero. Kick-Ass is a thrilling, hilarious and at times heartbreaking portrait of teen angst. ★★★★★

Nanny McPhee & The Big Bang (U)

THIS sequel to 2005's original Nanny McPhee introduces the mysterious nanny to a family in crisis in wartime Britain.

Nanny McPhee & The Big Bang once again demonstrates Emma Thompson's magical touch as McPhee. The nanny lends a hand when trouble brews



after a group of city kids come to stay on a farm and fall out with the local children. ★★★★★

The Blind Side (12A) BASED on the book The Blind Side: Evolution Of A Game, Sandra Bullock delivers an eye-catching turn as crusading southern mom Leigh Anne Touhy in Memphis, Tennessee.

Driving home one night, Leigh spots Michael Oher (Quinton Aaron) wandering along the road and offers the homeless, black teenager a room. The matriarch encourages the lad to

improve his grades and chase the possibility of an American football scholarship. ★★★

Perrier's Bounty (15) FOUL-mouthed and gleefully violent, Perrier's Bounty is an edgy black comedy about one man's turbulent journey through the lawless streets of Dublin.

Michael McRea (Cillian Murphy) owes a considerable amount of money to kingpin Darren Perrier (Brendan Gleeson), who calls in the debt, giving Michael less than a day to come up with the cash or pay

with his legs. ★★★★★

I Love You Phillip Morris (15) BASED on an incredible true story, I Love You Phillip Morris charts the improbable romance of two prison inmates and their subsequent journey of self-discovery on both sides of the bars.

Police officer Stephen Russell (Jim Carrey) is sentenced to time in prison, when he meets Phillip Morris (Ewan McGregor). The attraction is instant and once the pair embark on life outside prison, they struggle to stay on the straight and narrow. ★★★★★

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music & shows

Go back in time to a bygone era

by Jenny Green

FANS of period dramas will be thrilled to hear that the Queen's Theatre has decided to catch up with the classics.

Later this month, the Hornchurch venue will be putting on Sense and Sensibility - Jane Austen's romantic Regency tale about two sisters.

The lead roles will be taken by Pam Jolley and Francesca Loren - a relative newcomer to the Queen's.

Although the actress is still in her first season at the theatre, she can't wait to get stuck in to the role.

"I love period dramas," she enthuses. "They're a bit of pure escapism."

"Life back then was so far removed from how we live today - although I love

wearing all the beautiful frocks and bonnets!"

Since arriving at the Queen's earlier this year, Francesca has taken on a variety of roles but is really enjoying her part in Sense and Sensibility as the older sister, Elinor Dashwood.

"She's a very interesting character," Francesca says. "She's 19, but has to take on a maternal role for her younger sister after their parents die."

"Really, the play is about seeing the two sisters grow up, fall in love, and the difficulties they encounter."

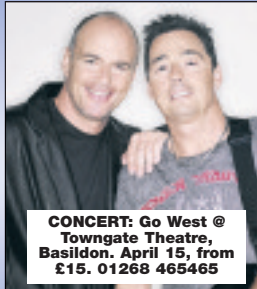
"It's such a timeless story and I love feel really blessed to be a part of it."

Sense and Sensibility will be at the Queen's from April 16 until May 8.

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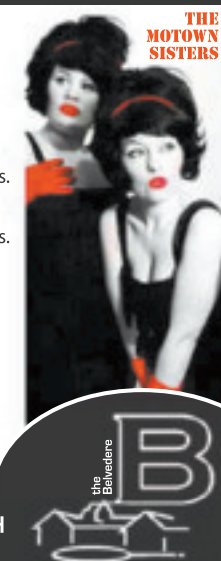
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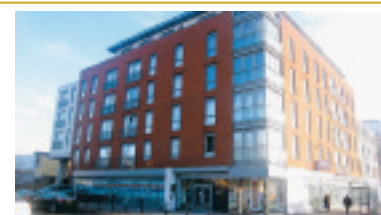
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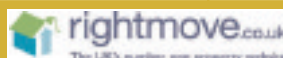
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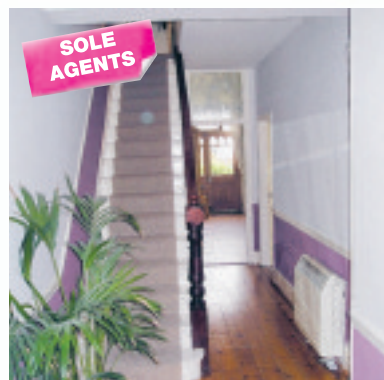
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- * LOVELY 3 BEDROOM HOUSE
- * SUPER LOUNGE/DINER
- * EXTREMELY WELL FITTED KITCHEN
- * GAS C/HEATING & D/GLAZED
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- * LUXURY FLAT
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SHOEBURYNESSE £695 pcm

- * AVAILABLE NOW
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- * MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
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- * GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- * GARDEN



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- * AVAILABLE NOW
- * 4 BEDROOMS
- * 2 RECEPTIONS
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Somerset Estate - WOS - £179,995

Spacious two bedroom semi detached bungalow. Lounge with patio doors. Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom. Full gas c/h. Double glazed. Driveway and garage. Private west backing garden. Excellent value. Suitable for immediate occupation.



Southend on Sea - £159,995

Attractive three bedroom terrace house located within walking distance of local schools and Southchurch Road shopping centre. Spacious 25' lounge with French doors. Modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances. Modern bathroom with independent shower. Part double glazed. Low maintenance garden. Ideal first purchase.



Thorpe Bay - £325,000

Located in Bournes Green School catchment area and close proximity of Thorpe Bay Broadway, this character three bedroom semi detached family house. Porch. Entrance Hall. Lounge. Separate dining room. Fitted kitchen/diner. Utility room. Family bathroom. Enclosed south aspect garden. Garage and drive.



Southend on Sea - £164,995

Three bedroom detached house located close to Southchurch Road shops. Lounge. Separate dining room. Fitted kitchen. Bathroom/wc. Gas central heating. Double glazing virtually throughout. Parking space. Enclosed courtyard garden.



Southend on Sea - £194,995

First floor two bedroom flat located close to Southend town centre and Cliff gardens. Spacious lounge. Kitchen with integrated appliances. Two bedrooms. Modern bathroom. South facing balcony. Double glazing. Allocated off street parking.



Westcliff on Sea - £97,000

One bedroom retirement apartment located in prime position close to seaford and all amenities. Lounge. Kitchen. Bathroom. Careline emergency call system. Communal facilities. Security entry. No onward chain.



Southend on Sea - £99,950

Located close to Southend seaford, Kursaal and town centre this ground floor two bedroom flat in need of general modernisation and refurbishment. Ideally suited to the first time buyer or investor.



Southend on Sea - £159,950

Located within close proximity of local shops and amenities, this semi detached two bedroom bungalow in need of complete refurbishment and updating. There has been fire damage to the property, therefore it is only suitable to cash buyers.

LETTINGS



WHITEGATE ROAD, SOUTHEM £395 PCM
FIRST FLOOR REAR STUDIO FLAT CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE AND MAINLINE RAILWAY STATIONS. LOUNGE/BEDROOM; BATHROOM/WC; FITTED KITCHEN WITH COOKER; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS1 2LG



ROYAL TERRACE, SOUTHEM £500 PCM
ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FRONT APARTMENT WITH ESTUARY VIEWS; LOUNGE WITH FEATURE FIREPLACE AND OPEN PLAN KITCHEN; CENTRAL HEATING; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS1 1DY



VICTORIA AVENUE, SOUTHEM £450 PCM
ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR REAR FLAT; LOUNGE; FITTED KITCHEN; CENTRAL HEATING; PRIVATE PARKING SPACE; AVAILABLE 9TH APRIL; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; NO BENEFITS; SS2 6EL



WEST ROAD, WESTCLIFF £495 PCM
ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM SELF CONTAINED GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO LONDON ROAD SHOPS. OWN ENT DOOR; LOUNGE; MODERN KITCHEN/DINER; PARKING; DOUBLE GLAZED; ECONOMY HEATING; AVAILABLE 5TH APRIL; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS0 9DH



CLIFFTOWN PARADE, SOUTHEM £550 PCM
IMMACULATE NEWLY REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT CLOSE TO CLIFF GARDENS; LOUNGE; NEWLY FITTED KITCHEN; BEDROOM WITH BUILT-IN WARDROBE; SHOWER ROOM; CENTRAL HEATING; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS1 1DL



CHELTENHAM ROAD, SOUTHEM £475 PCM
NEWLY REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE; LUNGE; NEWLY FITTED KITCHEN; CENTRAL HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; NEWLY CARPETED; PARKING; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS1 2SA



DEVEREUX ROAD, SOUTHEM £675 PCM
ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM LOWER GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN THE CONSERVATION AREA; RECEPTION/DINING AREA; LOUNGE; KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES; PARQUET FLOORING; CENTRAL HEATING; COURTYARD GARDEN; PARKING; AVAILABLE END APRIL; FURNISHED; NO PETS; SS1 1DR



WICKFORD ROAD, WESTCLIFF £595 PCM
LARGE FIRST FLOOR FLAT WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF WESTCLIFF RAILWAY STATION; LOUNGE; OAK FITTED KITCHEN/DINER; ONE DOUBLE; ONE SINGLE BEDROOM; CENTRAL HEATING; BALCONY WITH GARDEN ACCESS; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS0 7NW



AVENUE ROAD, WESTCLIFF £550 PCM
LARGE FIRST FLOOR TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT IN THE MILTON CONSERVATION AREA; LARGE LOUNGE; KITCHEN WITH BUILT-IN OVEN & HOB; CENTRAL HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; PARKING; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS0 7PJ



STROMNESS ROAD, SOUTHEM £595 PCM
GOOD SIZE TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO SOUTHCHURCH ROAD SHOPS; LARGE LOUNGE; MODERN KITCHEN; ECONOMY 7 HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; SHARED GARDEN; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS2 4UG



KINGS ROAD, WESTCLIFF £550 PCM
GROUND FLOOR REAR TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT CLOSE TO WESTCLIFF RAILWAY STATION; LOUNGE WITH ACCESS TO COURTYARD GARDEN; KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES; CENTRAL HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; PARKING; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS0 8BH



SOUTHCHURCH AVENUE, SOUTHEM £575 PCM
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT CLOSE TO SOUTHEM TOWN CENTRE; SEC ENT; LOUNGE; ECONOMY 7 HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; PRIVATE GARDEN; PARKING; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS0 8BH



ROCHFORD ROAD, SOUTHEM £625 PCM
SELF CONTAINED GROUND FLOOR FLAT WITHIN EASY ACCESS TO THE A127. OWN ENT DOOR; LOUNGE; MODERN KITCHEN; ONE DOUBLE; ONE SINGLE BEDROOM; DOUBLE GLAZED; CENTRAL HEATING; GARDEN; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS2 6SP



ROYAL TERRACE, SOUTHEM £750 PCM
TOP FLOOR TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA; LOUNGE WITH ESTUARY VIEWS; MODERN KITCHEN/DINER; SEP SHOWER CUBICLE; DOUBLE GLAZED; CENTRAL HEATING; AVAILABLE NOW; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS1 1DU



STROMNESS PLACE, SOUTHEM £625 PCM
GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO SOUTHCHURCH ROAD SHOPS AND AMENITIES; LOUNGE; FITTED KITCHEN; ONE DOUBLE; ONE SINGLE BEDROOM; CENTRAL HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; CARPETED; GARDEN; AVAILABLE 24TH APRIL; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS2 4JH



LOVELACE AVENUE, SOUTHEM £650 PCM
SELF CONTAINED NEWLY DECORATED TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO SOUTHEM EAST RAILWAY STATION; OWN ENT DOOR; LARGE LOUNGE WITH BALCONY; KITCHEN WITH OVEN & HOB; AVAILABLE END APRIL; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS1 2QU



VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHEM £695 PCM
SELF CONTAINED FLAT ARRANGED OVER TWO FLOORS CLOSE TO SOUTHCHURCH HALL PARK. OWN ENT DOOR; LARGE LOUNGE; TWO DOUBLE; ONE SINGLE BEDROOM; CENTRAL HEATING; AVAILABLE END APRIL; UNFURNISHED; NO PETS; SS1 2TB

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RAYLEIGH

£310,000



Situated on the Birds Development is this four bedroom detached family property, amongst many of the benefits that the property has to offer there is lounge, dining room, study, kitchen, utility room, ground floor cloakroom and en suite to master bedroom. Early viewing is strongly recommended.

RAYLEIGH

£335,000



Benefiting from a rear garden which measures in excess of 120' and is south facing is this detached bungalow which is situated within a popular residential area. In brief the accommodation comprises of two bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen and family bathroom.

RAYLEIGH

£330,000



Situated within a popular residential area is this four bedroom detached property. Benefits including two reception rooms, en suite shower room, ground floor cloakroom, recently refitted kitchen. There is also a double garage. Early internal viewing is recommended.

LEIGH ON SEA

£144,995



A two bedroom first floor retirement property in a development for the over 55's. The property offers modern living accommodation and benefits from having two bedrooms, kitchen with built-in appliances and family bathroom. The property is being offered with no onward chain.

RAYLEIGH

£195,000



A two bedroom mid-terraced property which benefits from having a conservatory, ground floor cloakroom and two parking spaces. The property is situated within a much favoured cove and early viewing is recommended.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

£175,000



Being offered with no onward chain is this three bedroom mid terrace property which is situated within a cul-de-sac location. Benefits double glazing, gas central heating, ground floor cloakroom/utility room, off street parking to the rear.

RAYLEIGH

£269,995



Benefiting from having a rear garden which measures 190 ft and backs onto playing fields is this 1930's built semi detached chalet style property. The property benefits from having double glazing and central heating and lies within the Fitzvinnar and Edward Francis catchment areas.

RAYLEIGH

£152,995



Representing an ideal purchase for the first time buyer is this one bedroom starter home which has been well maintained by its present owner. The property comprises lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom with double glazing and central heating, the property also benefits from having a side garden and off street parking.

RAYLEIGH

£229,995



An extended three bedroom semi detached property which benefits from having lounge, kitchen/diner, two further ground floor rooms, off street parking for several vehicles and enclosed rear garden. Viewing is recommended.

EASTWOOD

£255,000



We are pleased to be offering for sale this detached chalet style property which has been maintained to a high standard by the present Vendor. In brief the accommodation comprises of two first floor bedrooms, lounge, dining room/bedroom, kitchen and breakfast room.

RAYLEIGH

£226,995



Two bedroom end of terrace property which is situated within a residential area, amongst the benefits on offer there is a garage in block, double glazing and gas central heating. Early internal viewing is recommended.

HULLBRIDGE

£249,995



Situated in the popular village of Hullbridge is this detached family property, the accommodation comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, ground floor cloakroom and first floor bathroom. EARLY VIEWING RECOMMENDED.

EASTWOOD

£179,995



Three bedroom mid terrace house which benefits from having lounge, separate dining area, kitchen, off street parking, garage in block to rear, double glazing and gas central heating.

RAYLEIGH

£174,995



This two bedroom semi detached bungalow is situated within walking distance of Rayleigh mainline station. The property offers lounge, fitted kitchen, off road parking and detached garage, 65ft approx rear garden, UPVC double glazing.

RAYLEIGH

£420,000



Much improved and extended four bedroom detached bungalow with two reception rooms and an ensuite to master bedroom. The property benefits from having a recently refitted kitchen and a lounge which measures 20' 10" x 26' 5" and off street parking to the front.

RAYLEIGH

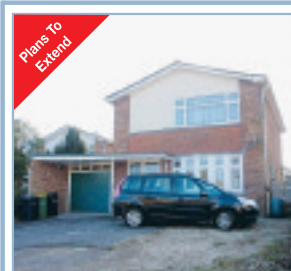
£490,000



We are pleased to offer for sale this extended four bedroom three reception room detached chalet which has been maintained to a very high standard by the current Vendors. The property benefits from having lounge, sitting room/dining room, study, 26 ft kitchen diner, four bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, utility room, outbuilding. No onward chain.

RAYLEIGH

£325,000



Benefiting from three double bedrooms is this detached family property. Amongst the many benefits that the property has to offer there is a ground floor cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, west facing rear garden. The property also has planning permission for a side extension.

RAYLEIGH

£190,000



A two bedroom mid terrace property which has been well maintained by the present vendor. Amongst the many benefits on offer there is a garage to the rear with parking, double glazing and gas central heating. An early internal viewing is recommended.

EASTWOOD

£110,000 OIRO



One double bedroom warden controlled retirement apartment situated in this desirable complex. The complex boasts a laundry room with machines and dryers, communal lounge area with kitchen, well maintained gardens, lifts to all floors and communal parking.

WESTCLIFF ON SEA

£279,995



Situated in a much favoured location, is this three bedroom detached family home. The property has been well maintained and benefits from having conservatory, garage and loft room.

HULLBRIDGE

£395,000



Situated within the popular village of Hullbridge is this five/six bedroom detached family property. Amongst the many benefits on offer are two sitting rooms, kitchen, utility room, two family bathrooms, off road parking and a rear garden which measures 60' x 45'.

RAYLEIGH

Fixed price £245,000



Situated within a popular cul-de-sac position is this three bedroom detached property with no onward chain boasts a conservatory. Other benefits include lounge, dining area, garage and off street parking. Internal viewing is recommended.

RAYLEIGH

£190,000



Being offered with no onward chain is this two bedroom detached bungalow with single garage and off street parking. Benefits include rear garden, white bathroom suite within quarter of a mile of Rayleigh station.

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HADLEIGH £299,995

- * Substantial detached bungalow
- * Constructed by current owners
- * High standard of build throughout
- * Three bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * Bathroom & separate WC
- * Modern kitchen
- * UPVC double glazing
- * 50' road frontage
- * South facing garden
- * Potential for further extensions

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AGENTS



HADLEIGH £235,000

- * Quiet cul-de-sac
- * Popular "Westwood Estate"
- * Extended family home
- * Three/four bedrooms
- * Extended lounge
- * Separate dining room/bed 4
- * Ground floor shower room
- * First floor bathroom
- * Modern kitchen
- * South facing garden
- * Garage & parking
- * UPVC double glazed



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HADLEIGH £119,995

- * Spacious first floor flat
- * Two bedrooms
- * Modern kitchen/breakfast room
- * Own section of rear garden
- * Double glazed windows
- * Close to Hadleigh town centre
- * Spacious hallway
- * Modern bathroom suite
- * Gas central heating
- * Ideal for first time buyer/investment



SOLE
AGENTS



HADLEIGH £209,995

- * Extended semi detached bungalow
- * Upgraded & refitted throughout
- * Close proximity to town centre
- * Two bedrooms
- * Lounge with feature fireplace
- * Separate dining room
- * Luxury kitchen with Aga style cooker
- * Modern bathroom
- * 70' garden backing fields
- * UPVC double glazed
- * Block paved frontage
- * Vacant possession
- * Internal viewing advised



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HADLEIGH £895 pcm

- * Three bedroom house.
- * Fully fitted kitchen
- * Ensuite
- * Fully paved rear garden



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THORPE BAY £950 pcm

- * Three bedroom semi detached house
- * Fitted kitchen with white goods
- * Dining room
- * Small conservatory

NEW
INSTRUCTION



SOUTHEND £550 pcm

- * One bedroom first floor flat
- * Close to town centre
- * Double glazed * Large lounge

NEW
INSTRUCTION



HADLEIGH £795 pcm

- * Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- * Garden backing on to West Wood
- * New Refurbishment * Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

NEW
INSTRUCTION



LEIGH ON SEA £575 pcm

- * One bedroom first floor flat
- * Close to local shops
- * Good size lounge

NEW
INSTRUCTION



WESTCLIFF £575 pcm

- * Two bed first floor flat
- * Close to Westcliff station
- * Parking space



BENFLEET £550 pcm

- * One bedroom ground floor flat
- * Security entrance system
- * Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- * Allocated parking



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SOMERSET GARDEN ESTATE £299,995

A delightful Semi-detached three bedroom House of character situated on the sought after Somerset Garden estate with large lounge 22'6 into bay x 11'11 & feature period style fireplace. Gas central heating & mainly u.P.V.C. double glazed. Offering spacious entrance Hall, separate dining room, study/playroom, fitted 15'7 shaker style kitchen/breakfast room with split level oven, first floor bathroom & w.c., ground floor luxury shower room & w.c. Driveway to garage, attractive rear garden approx. 80' in depth. Internal viewing strongly recommended of this excellent property.

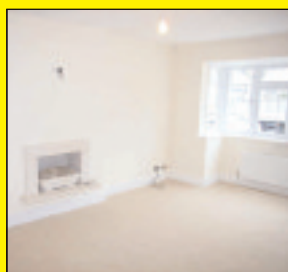


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THORPE BAY SOUTH £530,000

An outstanding opportunity has arisen to purchase this detached family home within a few hundred yards of The Esplanade and beach. The property has been beautifully refurbished and offers a new home quality and finish. The property has part brick and colour washed elevations relieved by leadlite double glazed windows. To the rear of the property is a 75' lawned rear garden and in addition to the garage there is ample off street parking available by the block paved driveway.

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HIGHLANDS £154,950

IDEAL 1ST PURCHASE



An unusually large self contained flat situated in this sought after location just over 1 mile walk from Leigh on Sea railway station and a few hundred yards from the Highlands shopping facilities. The flat offers Lounge, 3 bedrooms, fitted re-fitted kitchen, New white shower room, own rear garden with the advantage of a detached garage to rear and is offered with no onward chain.

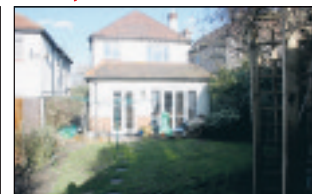
NEW



We are delighted to offer to the market this large extended character family home situated in a quiet location off The Boulevard. The house offers a spacious entrance hall, lounge leading onto conservatory separate dining room fully fitted kitchen ground floor wc 3 good size bedrooms Re-fitted family bathroom attractive and well laid out garden shared drive to detached garage 23 x 8. We strongly recommend an early inspection.

HIGHLANDS £349,500

NEW



Highlands Large much improved detached family house, extended and modernised with uPVC double glazed leadlite windows and gas central heating. 2 living rooms and vast fitted kitchen-breakfast room, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms and refitted 4 piece bathroom. Secluded south facing garden, off street parking and garage at rear.

BELFAIRS ESTATE £235,000

LOVELY QUIET ROAD



Hair & Son are delighted to offer this charming 2 bedroom bungalow situated in this quiet and much sought after location about 1/3 mile from Belfairs Woods and Golf course. The bungalow offers a spacious through lounge-diner fully fitted kitchen 2 double bedrooms, spacious & modern bathroom double glazed & G.C.Heating attractive gardens own driveway & detached garage. the bungalow is offered with no onward chain.

HIGHLANDS ESTATE £174,995

IDEAL 1ST PURCHASE



EDGE OF HIGHLANDS. We have been favoured with instructions to offer for sale this stylish & spacious 2 bedroom top floor apartment in a modern block only 5 years old. The apartment has a stylish fully fitted kitchen open plan bright south facing Lounge, bedroom 1 has en suite shower room, white bathroom, heating, double glazed, entry phone system, freshly redecorated & new carpets and has the added advantage of 2 allocated parking spaces. The apartment is situated within an easy walk to Leigh station and is offered with no onward chain



HADLEIGH £196,000

NEW



A well presented fully detached bungalow, situated in this quiet and sought after residential area, a few hundred yards from access to Belfairs woods and about 1/2 mile from central Hadleigh. The bungalow offers Lounge double glazed conservatory fitted kitchen 2 double bedrooms white bathroom attract & secluded 50ft garden and off street parking for 2 cars.

MARINE ESTATE £369,500

3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS



Situated on the popular Marine Estate we are delighted to offer as the vendor's Sole agent this character family house offering 3 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, 3 large double bedrooms, family bathroom & separate wc, double glazed & gas central heating, well laid out 60ft rear garden, off street parking for 2/3 cars and is offered with No onward chain.

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SOUTH OF LONDON ROAD £299,500

3/4 BEDS



Fully Detached 3/4 Bedroomed chalet, situated south of the London Road . Approximately a quarter mile to Chalkwell Station and Leigh Broadway with its fine cafe's & shops. Sitting Room. Separate dining room , comfortable kitchen /breakfast room and a fourth bedroom /additional reception room. Ground floor cloaks . Gas central heating and potential off street parking . Ideal for schools and offered with no onward chain VIEW TODAY !!!

SOUTH LEIGH £175,000

NEW



Two bedroomed first floor flat with lift service and offered with no onward chain. This popular complex is perfectly positioned for Leigh Broadway and Chalkwell Station. Requiring some updating yet offering nicely planned accommodation.

LEIGH ON SEA £245,000

BELFAIRS ESTATE



Situated in a quiet cul de sac on the very desirable Belfairs Estate can be found this very nicely presented two bedroomed semi detached Bungalow. Driveway and garage with further parking to the front. Beautifully kept and decorated with double glazing and gas central heating. Modern kitchen and bathroom, with a spacious open plan lounge/diner leading out to the UPVC sun lounge. South facing garden.

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CHALKWELL £445,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



CHALKWELL HALL ESTATE. Sole agents. Imposing four double bedroom detached house. Less than half a mile ot Chalkwell station. Close proximity to Chalkwell school, park and local shops in Leigh Road. 21'6 family living room. Dining room. Fitted kitchen and utility room. Ground floor cloakroom. Spacious inviting reception hall, Double garage. Very well tended and landscaped rear garden. Contact us now for further details.

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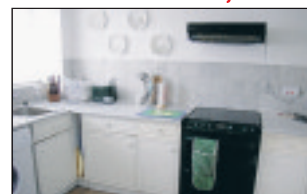


NO
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CHAIN



Situated in this popular block convenient for Westcliff parade, the Cliffs Pavilion, mainline railway stations we are delighted to offer this two bedroom First Floor Flat with security controlled residents parking. Lounge, kitchen, bathroom & w.c. Communal gardens.

SOUTHEND £159,950



WESTCLIFF £184,995



Semi-detached two bed bungalow situated on the borders of the Somerset garden estate. Gas centrally heated and double glazed. Lounge-diner, re-fitted 'shaker' style kitchen, bathroom. Delightful rear garden, front garden. Driveway to garage.

WESTCLIFF FRONT £179,950



Marine apartment located on sought after Westcliff Parade. Front Lounge, fitted double bedroom, kitchen, bathroom & w.c., gas fired central heating & triple glazing. Delightful Front & rear maintained communal gardens, allocated car parking.

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SOUTHEND - CONSERVATION AREA £499,950

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BE
VIEWED



A Detached Five Bedroom double fronted Victorian residence situated in the Milton Conservation area of Southend much improved by the present owner but retaining many original character features. 2nd reception, dining room, 16'10" fitted kitchen, utility, cloakroom, bathroom, shower room plus full en-suite. Mainly walled West backing garden. Early possession available.



SOMERSET GARDEN ESTATE £299,995

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INTERNALLY



A delightful Semi-detached three bedroom House of character with large lounge 22'6" into bay x 11'11" & feature period style fireplace. Gas central heating & mainly u.P.V.C. double glazed. Offering spacious entrance Hall, separate dining room, study/playroom, fitted 15'7" shaker style kitchen/breakfast room with split level oven, first floor bathroom & w.c., ground floor luxury shower room & w.c. Driveway to garage, attractive rear garden approx. 80' in depth.



WESTCLIFF £149,995

NO
CHAIN



A delightful 'cottage style' refurbished three bedroom House with re-fitted kitchen & bathroom but retaining many original features. Front Lounge with feature iron fireplace, sep. dining room, utility, ground floor 'wet room' with w.c. Gas fired central heating & modern u.P.V.C. double glazed windows. Part laminate style flooring & new carpeting. Rear garden approx. 40' in depth.

WESTCLIFF £99,950

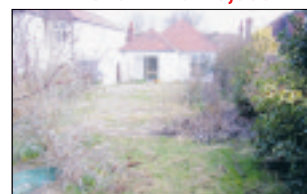
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Front Lounge/diner 15'9" x 18'5" into bay. One double bedroom, kitchen with balcony, bathroom & w.c., double glazed windows & is realistically priced to allow for general re-decoration. Situated in this imposing building in the Shorefields conservation area & close proximity to the Clifftop Gardens, Cliffs Pavilion entertainment centre & Westcliff railway station. No onward chain.

WESTCLIFF £210,000

NEW



A large two double bedroom, detached bungalow with off street parking for 3-4 vehicles & a west backing rear garden over 70' in depth. Lounge opening to conservatory, separate dining room, kitchen, bathroom, sep. w.c. Mainly sealed unit double glazed & gas fired central heating (n/t). Requiring up-dating & redecoration, Conveniently situated for Southend General Hospital. No onward chain.

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NEW



An excellent opportunity has arisen to purchase this two double bedroom semi-detached bungalow on the popular and sought after Bishopsteignton area. To the front is an attractive outlook over a very pleasant Greensward and the bungalow has the added advantage of a detached garage at rear.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON £230,000



SHOEBURYNESS £169,500

NEW



An excellent opportunity has arisen to purchase this three bedroom semi-detached older style house, much improved and update by our current owner/client. In addition to the approximate 63' rear garden there is subject to planning permission garage space at the rear. The property is within half a mile of both West Road and Ness Road shopping centres and Junior School is within a few hundred yards.



BISHOPSTEIGNTON £289,995

4 BEDS



We are delighted to offer for sale this 4 bedroom family house situated in the sought after Bishopsteignton area. This part of Aylesbeare is a pleasant cul-de-sac location, and in addition to the spacious lounge, there is a well fitted kitchen/breakfast room and conservatory. As vendors' agents we recommend early viewing. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

THORPE BAY £375,000

DOUBLE GARAGE



Maintained in our opinion to a SUPERB STANDARD throughout is this double fronted detached bungalow situated on this attractive corner plot. The property is situated in a much sought after very pleasant cul-de-sac location within a mile of Thorpe Bay Broadway shops and within easy walking distance of Thorpe Bay Golf course and the beach and seafront are within half a mile. Rarely do properties in this condition become available and in addition to the double parking space offered there is a detached DOUBLE GARAGE to the rear and as vendors sole agents we recommend.

FREE VIRTUAL TOURS, FREE OPEN HOUSE

SHOEBURYNESS £245,000

WEST BACKING



An excellent opportunity has arisen to acquire this three bedroom semi-detached house situated on the popular Admirals development within half a mile of Gunners Park and Shoebury Common and beach. The property is offered for sale with no onward chain and to the rear extends an approximate 40' West backing garden. From the first floor rear elevations there are between the houses Estuary glimpses and we recommend early viewing.

THORPE BAY £319,950

8 GREEN CATCH



An excellent opportunity has arisen to purchase this three bedroom detached house situated within half a mile of Thorpe Bay station and in the sought after Bournes Green School catchment area. The property offers spacious accommodation, with lounge, dining room and with to the rear an approximate 66' x 35' garden. As vendors agent we recommend early viewing.

THORPE BAY £167,500

NEW



An excellent opportunity has arisen to purchase this ground floor two bedroom purpose built flat situated in this much sought after retirement development within half a mile of The Broadway with its range of local shops. Nevill Court is a much sought after development and has residents lounge, attractive communal gardens and parking space. In addition there is a guest suite, laundry and residents manager on site.

THORPE BAY £119,950

SHOWER ROOM



Offered for sale with no onward chain is this well presented 1st floor retirement flat situated opposite the The Broadway and therefore having easy access to all of the shopping facilities. The property has a fitted kitchen, modern shower room and additional double wardrobes in the bedroom. As our vendors sole agents who hold keys we recommend an early viewing.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON £355,000

NEW



We are pleased to offer for sale this impressive three bedroom detached Martin built bungalow situated in this much favoured location and offering a most pleasant double fronted design. To the rear of the property extends an approximate 50' x 45' garden which is secluded and well laid out. Rarely do bungalows of this calibre become available and as vendors sole agents we recommend early viewing.



THORPE BAY £160,000

NEW



Offered for sale with no onward chain is this first floor three bedroom purpose built flat in this much sought after development within half a mile of the seafront. The property is need of some general redecoration and updating which is reflected in the sensible asking price.



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BROADWAY WEST, LEIGH £650 PCM



THREE BEDROOMS

- First Floor Flat
- Three large bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- New Gas central heating
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Viewing Advised
- Newly Decorated
- New Carpets
- New Bathroom Suite

WAKERING AVENUE, SHOEBOURNESS £775 PCM



THREE BEDROOMS

- Semi detached cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Newly Installed Bathroom
- New Carpets
- Recently refurbished
- Viewing Advised
- Rear Garden
- Breakfast Room
- Lounge with fireplace

COTSWOLD ROAD, WESTCLIFF £600 PCM



REAR GARDEN

- Ground floor flat
- One bedroom
- Rear garden
- Bathroom with shower
- Kitchen with gas cooker
- Dining room

HASTINGS ROAD, SOUTHEND £475 PCM



REAR GARDEN

- Ground floor flat
- One Large Bedroom
- Entry Phone System
- Communal Gardens
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Decorated Throughout

LONDON ROAD, WESTCLIFF £435 PCM



EN SUITE

- First floor flat
- One large bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Some double glazing
- Ensuite Shower Room
- Close to all amenities

SOUTHBOURNE GROVE, WESTCLIFF £550 PCM



CLOSE TO PARK

- Ground floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- New kitchen units
- Close to Chalkwell farm
- Modern bathroom suite

CROWNSTONE ROAD, WESTCLIFF £525 PCM



PARKING SPACE

- Second floor flat
- One Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Newly Decorated
- Off Street Parking
- Lounge with Balcony

LONDON ROAD, LEIGH ON SEA £550 PCM



TWO BEDROOMS

- First floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Good size lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Modern kitchen
- Gas central heating

WOODGRANGE DRIVE, SOUTHEND £550 PCM



NEW CARPETS

- First floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Popular location
- New carpets
- Shared rear garden

BEEDELL AVENUE, WESTCLIFF £450 PCM



DOUBLE GLAZING

- First floor flat
- One bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Carpets & wood flooring
- Bathroom/wc

PRINCES COURT, SOUTHEND £375 PCM



PARKING SPACE

- 3rd floor studio flat
- Large Bed / Sitting room
- Double Glazing
- Lift to all floors
- Parking at rear
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Rear Balcony
- Viewing Advised
- Wooden Flooring
- Built in wardrobes

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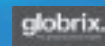
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ASHINGDON £182,500

Presented in immaculate condition throughout is this two bedroom end of terrace house in a popular location very close to local amenities and benefiting from two reception rooms, a 40ft rear garden and garage in block. No onward chain. EWH3562

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ASHINGDON £450,000

Situated on one of the largest plots on this development is this immaculate five bedroom detached family home. The accommodation includes lounge 18' x 13'9 with inglenook fireplace, study 14' x 7'9, dining room 12'3 x 10'7, double glazed conservatory 20'5 x 11'2, en-suite to master bedroom, double detached garage measuring 19' x 18' and has a rear garden measuring 145' x 75'. EWH3512

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HOCKLEY £390,000

Situated in one of Hockley's most desirable locations is this extended four bedroom detached family home with two reception rooms. The accommodation includes a ground floor bedroom with shower adjacent and a south facing rear garden measuring approximately 70ft deep. EWH3564

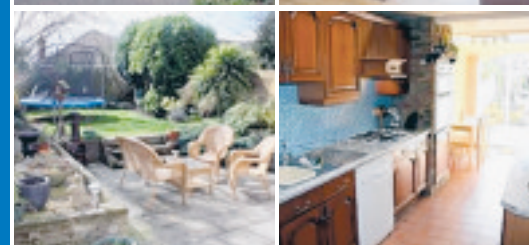
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ROCHFORD £154,995

A deceptively spacious two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that benefits from an extension to the rear providing a kitchen/diner measuring 17'5 x 11'7. The property is close to local amenities and is offered with immediate vacant possession. Viewing advised. EWH3419

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HULLBRIDGE £189,995

A three bedroom semi detached house with two reception areas benefiting from a 70ft rear garden. In need of modernisation. The property is close to local amenities and offered with vacant possession. Keys held for immediate viewings. EWH3540

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ROCHFORD £207,500

Located in a popular location close to shops, schools and main line railway station is this three bedroom semi-detached family home presented in good order and having its own driveway to a detached garage. Viewing recommended. EWH3560

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HULLBRIDGE £339,995

We are pleased offer for sale this immaculate four bedroom detached family home. The property has four good size bedrooms and a 50ft West backing rear garden. The property is offered with no onward chain. EWH3561

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ROCHFORD £485 pcm

AN UNFURNISHED ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT, CONVENIENT FOR THE STATION. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. EMPLOYED TENANTS ONLY.



Canewdon £695 pcm

FURNISHED TWO BED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE. AVAILABLE FOR A 6 MONTH LET. EMPLOYED TENANTS & NON SMOKERS ONLY. VIEWS OF RIVER FROM UPSTAIRS LOUNGE.



Leigh-on-Sea £500 pcm

UNFURNISHED ONE BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT. BALCONIES FROM LOUNGE AND BEDROOM. NO PETS, NO SMOKERS. EMPLOYED TENANTS. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.



STH FAMBRIE £750 pcm

UNFURNISHED TWO BED PENTHOUSE APARTMENT WITH BALCONY. SPECTACULAR VIEWS. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. EMPLOYED TENANTS, NON SMOKERS & NO PETS.



SOUTHEND £500 pcm

UNFURNISHED ONE BED SEAFRONT LOWER GROUND FLOOR FLAT. CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE. AVAILABLE MID-APRIL. EMPLOYED TENANTS AND NON-SMOKERS ONLY. NO PETS.



HOCKLEY £750 pcm

UNFURNISHED TWO BED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW. EN-SUITE SHOWER. EMPLOYED TENANTS ONLY. NO PETS AND NON SMOKERS. AVAILABLE END MARCH FOR SHORT TERM LET.

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£50 pcm**
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HOCKLEY £675 pcm

TWO BEDROOM UNFURNISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT WITH GARDEN AND GARAGE. CLOSE TO STATION AND SHOPS. EMPLOYED TENANTS ONLY. NO PETS AND NON SMOKERS.



RAYLEIGH £995 pcm

UNFURNISHED 3/4 BED HOUSE WITH GARAGE/WORKSHOP AND PARKING. AVAILABLE FOR SHORT TERM LET OF 3 MONTHS. PETS CONSIDERED. EMPLOYED TENANTS ONLY.



SOUTHEND £650 pcm

UNFURNISHED SPACIOUS THREE BED FIRST FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE AND CENTRAL FOR STATIONS. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. HOUSING BENEFIT CONSIDERED.



BENFLEET £1,095 pcm

UNFURNISHED SPACIOUS THREE BED DETACHED HOUSE IN QUIET LOCATION. CLOSE TO SCHOOLS. NO PETS AND EMPLOYED TENANTS ONLY. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £1,400 pcm

MODERN THREE BED MAISONETTE. SITUATED ON THE SEAFRONT. BALCONY AND ALL BEDROOMS ARE EN-SUITE AVAILABLE EARLY JULY. NON SMOKERS ONLY

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Benfleet £239,995

SITUATED IN THIS CONVENIENT LOCATION WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF SHOPPING FACILITIES IS THIS SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW, BENEFITTING FROM A MODERN FITTED KITCHEN AND 82' REAR GARDEN



Benfleet £167,500

Diggins and Cross are pleased to offer for sale this 1 bedroom semi detached bungalow. The property is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, within close proximity of local shops and amenities at Tarpots. Further attributes are a modern kitchen and recently fitted carpets throughout. Keys are held at the office for immediate viewings.



Rayleigh £339,950

A unique 1930's built detached chalet which has been extended and improved over recent years to provide a superb 21'3 x 13'11 kitchen/family room with bi-fold doors into rear garden, lounge 15'3 x 12', sep dining room 12' x 10'6, gf shower room and utility room, master bedroom 16'6 x 10'6 with en-suite shower, 2 further first floor beds plus 12' family bathroom with roll top bath. GF bed 2 15'2 x 11'9, Fitzwimarc and Grovewood School catchment. Detached garage. Offering versatile accommodation, A MUST VIEW!!



Benfleet £219,995

A superb semi detached two bedroom bungalow. The property offers spacious living accommodation with a lounge 15ft 7" x 12ft 11" and a conservatory 11ft 11" x 10ft 10". Further attributes to the property is that it's fully double glazed throughout and a modern kitchen and bathroom suites. There's a large block pavior driveway to the front and an approx 65ft impressive unoverlooked landscaped rear garden.



Benfleet £119,995

Diggins and Cross are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom modern purpose built first floor flat. Allocated parking for residents and visitor bays. The property is ideal for a first time purchase or investment as a buy to let. Attributes to include a 10ft 11 lounge/dining room, modern bathroom and that its situated close to Tarpots which offers local shops and amenities and bus routes. Keys are held at the office for immediate viewing.

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Benfleet £229,995

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS - Situated in a convenient cul-de-sac location within easy reach of local shops, schools and doctor's surgery is this attractive 2/3 bedroom semi detached chalet bungalow. The property offers spacious ground floor accommodation and a first floor bedroom with en suite bathroom with Jacuzzi bath. Detached garage.



Rayleigh £199,995

A newly refurbished 2 bedroom semi detached bungalow on the favoured Weir Gardens estate. Lounge 17' x 12'11, newly fitted kitchen 9'2 x 8', newly fitted fully tiled bathroom, re-wired and new gas heating system, approx. 60' south backing rear garden with large patio area, off street parking, no onward chain. Key available for viewing.



South Benfleet £289,995

Built approx 3 years ago is this superb 3 bedroom detached bungalow with integral garage. Finished to a very high standard through out, with tastefully fitted kitchen and bathroom suites. Ensuite shower room to master and utility room of the kitchen. Large block pavior driveway. External veiwing is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.



Eastwood £199,995

Spacious, light and airy 3 bed end terrace house in Heycroft School Catchment area, gf cloaks, lounge 16'11 x 10'10, kitchen/diner 17' x 10', conservatory 15'1 x 6'9, re-fitted bathroom suite with 'p' shaped bath, double glazed windows, gas radiator heating, south facing rear garden, plus further side garden, garage in block.



Rayleigh £420,000

Immaculate 4 bed detached bungalow within Fitzwimarc school catchment, superb reception hall leading to impressive lounge/diner 26'4 x 20'10, study, fully fitted kitchen/breakfast room 12'8 x 10'1, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, 3 further bedrooms plus family bathroom/wet room, approx 47' x 35' south facing rear garden, extensive block paved driveway with lots of parking.



Benfleet £189,995

Diggins and Cross are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom extended semi detached bungalow, situated on the forever popular Jotmans development. Large block pavior driveway offering off street parking, and large block pavior patio to the rear, approx 90ft rear garden. Viewing is a must.



Rayleigh £299,995

Well presented, spacious, four bed detached Georgian style house close to Grovewood school, lounge 18'3 x 11'5, sep dining room 14'4 x 8'9, recently re-fitted kitchen 17'9 x 8'9, ghw, double glazed windows, bathroom/wc combined, gas radiator heating, attached garage with block paved driveway, compact rear garden, close to playing fields. Viewing recommended.

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**LEIGH ON SEA £239,995**

Situated within easy access to chalkwell park and mainline station, a west backing, three bedroom semi detached house having undergone much improvement by the current vendor. No onward chain.

**LEIGH ON SEA £234,995**

Offering deceptively large accommodation a three/four bedroom semi detached chalet on this large plot, situated just north of the A13 and therefore within walking distance to Broadway and many local facilities. Vacant. ehl1431

**LEIGH ON SEA £560,000**

Situated on the sought after marine estate and therefore within Westleigh Catchment area, a superb detached residence benefitting from four bedrooms, two with en-suites, three reception rooms with substantial pitched roof conservatory, garage and much more. ehl1423

**PAGLESHAM £1,650,000**

In the picturesque village of Paglesham, a nine bedroom, seven reception house set in approximately two acres, having many beautiful features throughout, oozing charm, character and elegance, together with detached outbuildings ideal as further accommodation. ehl1433

**LEIGH ON SEA £249,995**

Situated in this excellent location on the ever popular belfairs estate a spacious semi detached bungalow offering three bedrooms, Lounge and Kitchen breakfast room, together with double glazing and detached garage. No onward chain.

**WEASTCLIFF ON SEA £155,000**

Situated a stones throw from Chalkwell Park, a large fully refurbished first and second floor maisonette offering excellent accommodation including modern kitchen and superb shower room. No onward chain. ehl1426

**THUNDERSLEY £162,500**

Situated in this popular purpose built block, a large two bedroom ground floor flat with a contemporary feel throughout, benefitting from en-suite shower room to main bedroom, gated allocated parking and no onward chain. ehl1430

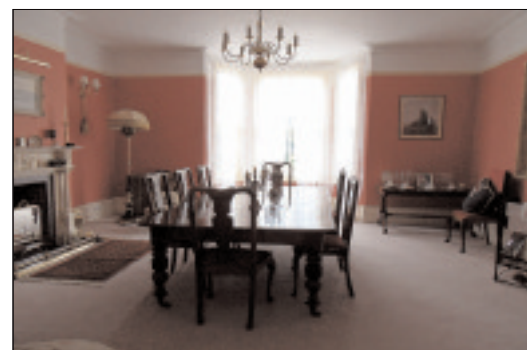
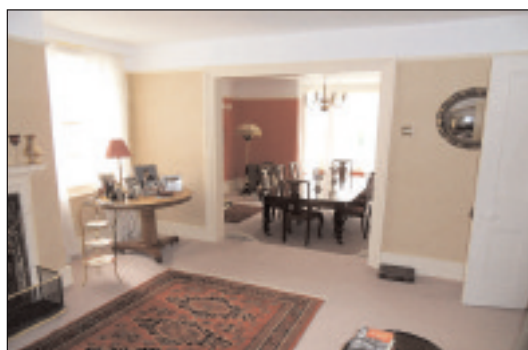
**SOUTHEND ON SEA £119,995**

Situated a short stroll from the seafront and clifftop gardens, together with westcliff station, a recently refurbished one bedroom second floor flat in this popular block which also benefits from allocated off street parking. Vacant. ehl1414

PAGLESHAM ROCHFORD

In the pictureque Village of Paglesham, a Georgian style nine bedroom, seven reception room house approached via a private road, set in approximately two acres. The property has many beautiful features throughout, much character and elegance, and offers splendid accommodation, with many of the rooms offering excellent views over neighbouring land and River Crouch

Offers in excess of £1,650,000



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Hadleigh £259,995

Attractive Semi Detached House - Extremely Sought After Location - King John School Catchment - Lounge 14'6 x 12'6 - Kitchen 16'1 x 11'11 - Conservatory 17'3 x 9'7 - Ground Floor Utility Cupboard - Double Glazing - Full Gas Central Heating - Three First Floor Bedrooms - Bathroom Suite With Spa Style Bath - Second Floor Loft Room 18'10 x 11'4 - Rear Garden In Excess Of 90' - Detached Garage And Parking - Excellent Location - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Hadleigh £199,995

Two Bedroom Detached Chalet - Lounge/Diner 21'11 x 12'0 - Kitchen 10'10 x 10'6 - Ground Floor Bathroom - Bedroom 12'11 x 9'6 - Bedroom Two 12'11 x 10'7 - First Floor Cloakroom - Useful Eaves Storage Area - Mostly Double Glazed - Full Gas Central Heating - Own Driveway With Garage/Car Port Space Subject To Building Regulations - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Thundersley £174,995

Attractive Two Bedroom Semi Detached House - Detached Garage And Own Driveway - Good Size Lounge With Open Fire Place - Kitchen/Diner - Two First Floor Bedrooms - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Double Glazing To First Floor - Secluded Rear Garden - Sought After Location - Viewing Advised

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Benfleet £235,000

Three/Four Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet - Extremely Sought After Cul De Sac Location - Lounge/Diner 24'2 x 11'9 - Kitchen 10'11 x 8'3 - Conservatory 17'11 x 9'10 - Ground Floor Bedroom Four/Third Reception Room 18'1 x 7'3 - Ensuite Shower Room - Three First Floor Bedrooms - Three Piece Victorian Style Bathroom Suite With Jacuzzi Style Bath - Double Glazing Throughout - Block Paved Driveway With Off Street Parking For Numerous Vehicles - Well Kept Rear Garden - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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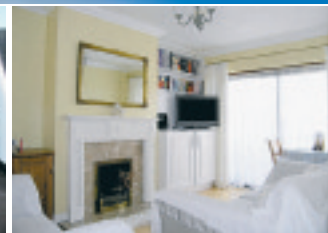
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Leigh-on-Sea £220,000

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House - Lounge 13'7 x 11'6 - Luxury Fitted Kitchen 17'10 x 8'1 - Double Glazing - Gas Radiators And Boiler - Rear Garden In Excess Of 60' - Garage And Further Parking - Popular Location - Well Maintained Throughout - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Hadleigh £189,995

REDUCED: Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow - Extremely Sought After Cul De Sac Location Just Off Of Poots Lane - Well Maintained Accommodation - Lounge With Feature Fire Place - Two Bedrooms - Well Fitted Kitchen With Oven, Hob, Fridge/Freezer And Butler Sink To Remain - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Good Size Rear Garden With Raised Decked Area To The Immediate Rear - Off Street Parking - Detached Garage - Few Minutes Walk Of Local Woodland - Easy Access Of The Town Centre - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

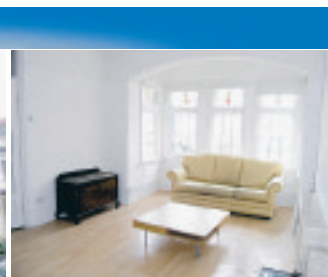
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Leigh-on-Sea £159,995

Two/Three Bedroom First And Second Floor Apartment - South Of The A13 - Easy Access Of The Broadway - Lounge 17'3 x 11'3 Open Plan To Kitchen 7'8 x 7'4 - Bedroom One 12'3 x 9'11 plus 12'10 x 3'8 - Bedroom Two 14'8 x 9'2 - Well Maintained Throughout - No Onward Chain - Viewing Advised

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Grand Drive, Leigh-on-Sea £165,000

Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment - Share Of The Freehold - Extremely Sought After Location - Close To Leigh Broadway - Close To Cliff Parade With Its Cliff Top Walks And Pedestrian Access To Old Leigh - Easy Access Of Leigh And Chalkwell Station - Vacant Possession - Lounge 16'3 x 12'9 - Bedroom One/Dining Room 12'3 x 11'4 - Bedroom Two 11'2 x 8'1 - Kitchen 11'0 x 5'4 With Oven, Hob And Washing Machine To Remain - Bathroom And Separate W.c - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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RAYLEIGH £259,500

Very spacious detached bungalow - Offers huge potential - Three good sized bedrooms - Good sized plot - Close to Rayleigh station and local shops - Lounge - Dining Hall - Kitchen - Four piece bathroom suite - Good sized rear garden with koi pond - Garage and off street parking - Sweyne & Glebe school catchment

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RAYLEIGH £240,000

Three bedroom semi detached bungalow - Convenient location for high street and station - Glebe junior school catchment area - Good sized lounge - Kitchen/diner - Off street parking - Good size rear garden - Double glazed - GCH - Must be viewed

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RAYLEIGH £299,995

- Imposing detached family residence - Substantial living space - Four/five bedrooms - Large kitchen/dining room - En-suite to master bedroom - Larger than average garage - Ideally located for Sweyne school & station access -

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Basildon £600 pcm

Two bedroom ground floor flat located in this popular development within walking distance to town centre and train station. This property offers two double bedrooms, good size lounge, entry phone system and parking. Early viewings advised.

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Stanford Le Hope £595 pcm

Well maintained three bedroom first floor flat offering spacious accommodation, modern fitted kitchen, double glazed throughout. Situated within a convenient location. Viewings essential.

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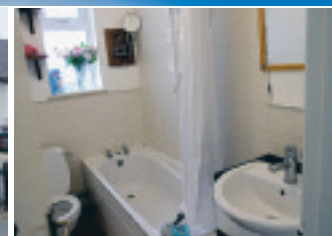
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Rayleigh £795 pcm

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow with conservatory and off street parking situated within walking distance of shops and mainline station within Glebe juniors and Sweyne catchment area.

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Stanford Le Hope £750 pcm

Refurbished two bedroom end of terrace house located in a popular area of Stanford le Hope, close to local shops & amenities offering modern fitted kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, two good sized bedrooms, off street parking & garage. Available immediately.

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Rayleigh £625 pcm

We are pleased to offer this two bedroom second floor purpose built flat offering spacious modern accommodation. Situated within a convenient location, internal viewings essential. Available immediately.

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 <p>EASTWOOD £189,995</p> <p>This two/three bedroom semi detached bungalow is located in a quiet cul-de-sac close to local shopping parade and bus routes, fully modernised in 2007, no onward chain, appliances to remain, off street parking for 2/3 cars and detached garage. Viewing advised.</p>	 <p>EASTWOOD £165,000</p> <p>A three bedroom terraced house in the Heycroft school catchment area. No onward chain, double glazing, gas central heating, garage. Early viewing advised.</p>	 <p>EASTWOOD £197,500</p> <p>A Two bedroom semi-detached bungalow offering lounge, kitchen, and bathroom/wc. Off street parking to the side, rear garden and no onward chain. Viewing advised.</p>	 <p>EASTWOOD £231,995</p> <p>Immaculately Maintained Three Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet. On The Ground Floor There is a Bedroom, Bathroom/WC, Kitchen, Conservatory/Utility Room, Lounge & Dining Room. Whilst The First Floor Offers Two Further Bedrooms And A Colakroom With WC. Externally There is A Rear Garden Measuring Approximately 60 Feet And A Detached Garage With Own Driveway. Viewing Advised.</p>
 <p>EASTWOOD £189,995</p> <p>We are pleased to offer this tastefully decorated terrace house which benefits from three good size bedrooms, recently fitted kitchen and bathroom, approx 120ft rear garden.</p>	 <p>EASTWOOD £275,000</p> <p>A stunning four bedroom detached family home featuring lounge, separate dining room, kitchen and ground floor cloakroom. Bathroom/wc, double glazing and gas radiator heating. Heycroft school catchment area, viewing advised.</p>	 <p>EASTWOOD £255,000</p> <p>Urgent sale required, needs to be sold quickly, stunning three bed detached chalet, offering a wealth of charm and character with the added advantage of many modern features, west facing garden with decked area housing a hot tub which is remaining.</p>	 <p>RAYLEIGH £245,000</p> <p>Three bedroom detached family house positioned within most sought after cul-de-sac position within easy distance of Rayleigh train station, double glazed, conservatory overlooking rear garden.</p>
 <p>EASTWOOD £195,000</p> <p>Situated within this quiet residential location, within easy reach of all amenities is this three bedroom semi detached family home, no onward chain.</p>	 <p>RAYLEIGH £294,995</p> <p>A four bedroom detached family home situated within this quiet residential location, with the Fitzwimarc and Grove school catchment area, an early appointment to view.</p>	 <p>EASTWOOD £222,995</p> <p>Early viewing a must on this well maintained two bedroom detached bungalow. Landscaped rear garden and much more.</p>	 <p>EASTWOOD £239,995</p> <p>We are pleased to offer for sale this three/four bedroom semi detached chalet, located in the Heycroft school catchment area, early viewing advised.</p>

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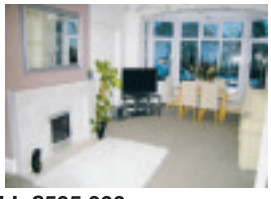



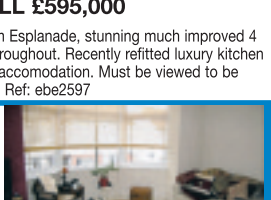


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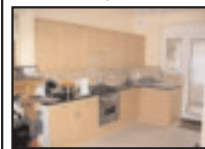
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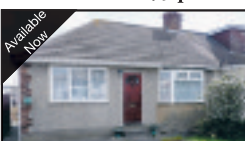
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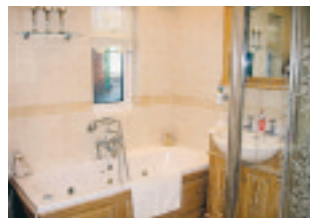
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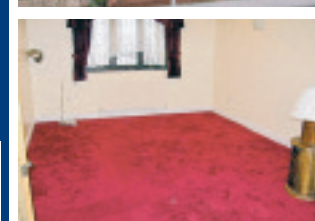
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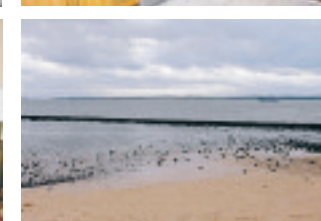


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Off road but on message

By Jonathan Crouch

LET'S get this clear up front. My family definitely doesn't need a 4x4. We don't live on a Scottish peak accessible only by boggy cart tracks. We don't have the kind of 'lifestyle' that you see in car ads, jumping off jetskis and hand gliding off mountains. For us, the perfect anti-4x4 is Ford's Kuga.

Initially, my wife was unconvinced about us getting the Ford. She was sick of being obstructed by lumbering 4x4s

on the school run and didn't much fancy the idea of joining the SUV bandwagon. 'Just try it', I told her. 'If you don't like it, I'll take it back.' Three months on, the Kuga is still a fixture in our driveway.

For her, it's a family estate with a pleasantly high-riding driving position. Neither she nor I can detect any difference in handling over the long term Ford Focus family hatch which the Kuga replaced. Like that model, show this car a

straight, well-surfaced road and it serves up a good standard of ride comfort and refinement.

The ride is reasonably firm and that's one of the things that helps the Kuga resist body roll when cornered vigorously, plus it's also less liable to become unsettled over bumps in the road. The accurate steering makes it easier to position the car too.

Space in the back is tight for anything other than my kids and passengers who have been long in the body have found headroom an issue

when getting in and out. On the flip side, this high seating position has proved to be a huge bonus for ladies and shorter friends, though those with short legs have found the need to shift their seat forward to such an extent that the heavily raked windscreen starts getting very close.

The centre console appears to have been lifted from the Ford Focus-based C-MAX but a few more of that car's practical touches wouldn't have gone amiss, especially for rear seat passengers.

For baggage, it's a more cheerful story. Usefully, the second row of seating has a 60/40 split and can fold completely flat to maximise the load

space. Underseat storage beneath the second row with further storage under the floor of the luggage compartment area offers even more practicality. The Kuga has a generous luggage capacity of 1,355 litres when in two-seat mode, while the enclosed luggage compartment achieves a volume of up to 410 litres.

The 136bhp 2.0-litre TDCi

diesel engine is a good match for this car. There is ample pulling power of 320Nm at 2,000rpm, which basically means that you don't have to row the car along with the gear-lever in low to medium-speed urban motoring. The 0-60mph dash is achieved in 10.7 seconds and you can

push the speedometer all the way up to 124mph. Economy is excellent and we've achieved fuel consumption of around 44mpg on a regular basis, with over 50mpg on longer runs. CO2 emissions are kept to a low 169g/km.

These impressive numbers are also aided by the Kuga's electronically controlled, on-demand four-wheel drive transmission.

This clever system directs up to 50 per cent of the engine's torque to each individual wheel when it's needed, depending on the terrain you're experiencing.

Prices start from around £18,500 and there are two trim levels available in the Kuga; Zetec and Titanium. We

went for the plusher version which includes part leather trim, rain sensing wipers, automatic headlights, cruise control, blue tinted glass and dual climate control.

Overall, I think that in giving up trying to sell us a conventional 4x4 and instead concentrating on a niche crossover vehicle, Ford

might just have hit on something.

The Kuga looks great, it'll hopefully persuade a few 4x4 drivers to downsize into something more suited to their requirements and in basing the main range around a 2.0-litre turbodiesel engine, Ford has made a powerful statement regarding the environmental credentials of this sort of vehicle.

Perhaps the Kuga's most impressive achievement is that it's a four-wheel drive car that targets an urban clientele but which it's virtually impossible to take exception to. OK, so with our Kuga we join the train of 4x4s on the school run. But these days, we feel comfortable in doing it.

FAST FACTS

Ford Kuga range
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Struggling Blues beaten by relegation rivals Gillingham

Southend United

SOUTHEND United's relegation woes deepened with a 3-0 defeat at fellow strugglers Gillingham on Monday.

Having suffered just one defeat in four going into the game, the Shrimpers may have had cause to feel optimistic.

But goals from Dennis Oli, Renee Howe and Andy Barcham saw the Kent side jump out of the drop zone and leave Steve Tilson's men three points behind Leyton Orient in 20th spot.

The Blues boss said: "There was not a lack of effort today, but we got caught on the break when we were looking to score.

"The games are running out now and it is going to be tough, but while it is possible, we have to believe we can do it."

It was pretty much even Stevens throughout the first half with both sides having chances and neither finding the back of the net.

Howe looked lively for the Gills with one effort wide of the goal,

Adam Barrett snuffing out another and Steve Mildenhall pulling off a good save from another.

The home side were gifted their opening goal, however, just two minutes after half time. Jean-Francois Christophe dallied on his clearance and Howe fired in on goal. Although Mildenhall stopped his initial effort, former Grays striker Oli nipped in to score.

With Gillingham in the ascendancy, Oli hit the crossbar and Mildenhall denied Howe before the latter made it 2-0 on 74 minutes.

Simeon Jackson was the provider after chasing on to a long ball forward and Howe got reward for his earlier endeavours.

Barcham then completed a comfortable win with five minutes to go.

Southend begin an important eight days in their survival campaign on Saturday with a trip to promotion-chasing Leeds United, before entertaining Brentford on Tuesday night and Brighton the following Saturday.



ERROR: Jean-Francois Christophe – pictured here during the 0-0 draw with Yeovil on Saturday – was at fault for Gillingham's first goal on Monday.
Picture by Dave Montier

Rugby Union

Southend keep up the fight for fourth place

SOUTHEND kept up their hopes of finishing fourth in National League Two South with a 0-15 victory at bottom side Bridgwater & Albion on Saturday.

In a tight match, Alan Barker got Southend's first try of the afternoon on 11 minutes, with Simon Hoult kicking the conversion.

James Armitage was sent to the sin bin for a professional foul after 15 minutes for Southend and it was not until six minutes into the second half when Hoult added to the points with a penalty.

Southend were finding Bridgwater hard to break down and got their second try of the match with five minutes to go through Chris Green.

In London One North, Westcliff stay in the mix in third place after their crushing 14-74 victory at bottom club Welwyn, while Chingford remain fourth, seeing off Bury St Edmunds 24-14. At the bottom, Brentwood scored an important 14-21 win at Harpenden, while Rochford remain second bottom, losing 18-21 at Eton Manor.

In London Two North East, champions Thurrock continue their domination, winning 6-53 at Saffron Walden, while Chelmsford recorded their second consecutive victory, winning 28-14 over Braintree.

Billerica have one game left to avoid the wooden spoon in London Three North East following their 29-19 defeat at South Woodham Ferrers. Upminster got the better of Wanstead, winning 16-19, although both teams just about safe from the bottom positions.

Essex County Cricket Club

Brewer extends its deal supporting Essex Eagles

BREWER Shepherd Neame is extending its sponsorship agreement with Essex County Cricket Club, supporting the Essex Eagles in their Clydesdale Bank 40 campaign.

Under the two-year deal, Essex Eagles will wear shirts sponsored by Shepherd Neame and Oranjeboom, the Dutch lager brewed under licence by Shepherd Neame.

David East, Essex Cricket chief executive, said: "We are delighted to be continuing our long-running partnership with Shepherd Neame and are looking forward to further developing this over the next two years.

The new format for the competition provides the perfect opportunity for more people to see Essex play cricket on a weekend."

Essex Eagles play their first Clydesdale Bank 40 fixture on Sunday, April 25, when they welcome Yorkshire Carnegie to Chelmsford.

Youth Football

Spurs to hold youth trials

TRIALS will take place for young talented footballers to become part of the Thurrock-based Tottenham Hotspur Development Centre.

Trials will take place at Gable Hall School, in Southend Road, Corringham, with official Spurs scouts and academy coaches on hand to view the standards of the players.

They will take place on Mondays, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17 and May 24.

All players will need to be registered prior to attending. Players turning up on the night without prior registration will not be allowed to participate.

To apply, e-mail thfcthurrock@aol.com leaving your name, current age group, date of birth, contact phone number, contact e-mail, current club and preferred playing position.

Applicants will be contacted with confirmation of a date and time of their trial. Players in the current age group of Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s and Under 10s are welcome to apply for a place.

Nominate unsung heroes for FA Community Award

Essex County FA

NOMINATIONS for unsung heroes and clubs are needed for the upcoming FA Community Awards.

Coaches, players, referees, volunteers and clubs are being sought to find the nation's most valuable groups or individuals who will be unveiled at the Community Shield at Wembley Stadium in August.

The awards has started at the local stage, with the closing date for entries in Essex on Monday, April 12.

Grassroots Essex hero Keith Di Palma is leading the call to gather as many names as possible to reward those who improve participation and standards of community.

Keith, who is chairman of Essex FA's 2008/09

Charter Standard Club of the Year, Tigers FC, from Havering won the 2008 Volunteer of the Year.

The Tigers operate 28 adult and youth teams from the Park Lane Recreation Ground, in Hornchurch, and Barking College, in Romford.

Keith said: "There is a lot of work that goes unrecognised at this level. Managers and players get trophies for winning leagues and cups so it's crucial the whole range of volunteers get noticed."

The Awards aim to find the cream of the crop across different aspects of the grassroots game.

Nominations are invited from across the region towards the eight award categories so they can be considered for recognition. The categories include:

■ Outstanding Contribution to Community Football Award

- The FA Charter Standard Community Club.
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- Volunteer of the Year.
- Young Volunteer of the Year.
- Coach of the Year.

Ian Bent, club development officer at the Essex County FA, explained: "Across the County, people are working hard week-in and week-out to provide a professional, fun and rewarding football experience for the local community and we are delighted The FA and McDonald's have acknowledged these clubs and individuals with the Community Awards." To nominate, visit www.essexfa.com, call Ian Bent on 01245 393094 or e-mail ian.bent@essexfa.com

Relegated Grays thrashed by rampant Hatters

Non-League Football

ALREADY relegated and doomed to pick up the wooden spoon in Blue Square Premier, Grays Athletic's miserable season continued with a 6-0 thrashing at free-scoring Luton Town on Easter Monday.

The omens did not look good for Grays going into the game as the Hatters had scored 17 goals in their last four home games.

Grays found themselves 4-0 down at half-time with Tom Craddock and Kevin Gallen scoring doubles.

Gallen completed his hat-trick before the hour mark before Liam Hatch completed the scoring with 10 minutes remaining.

Chelmsford City are close to securing their place in the Blue Square South play-offs after drawing 1-1 with fellow play-off chasers Braintree Town at the Melbourne Stadium on Easter Monday.

George Purcell gave the visiting

Iron a second minute lead but Dave Rainford equalised on 59 minutes to share the points.

Thurrock are three points off a play-off place following their goalless draw at Bishop's Stortford.

In Ryman League Premier, Canvey Island lost 2-1 at leaders Dartford. Greg Cohen put the Gulls ahead in the first half, but goals in the last quarter from Danny Harris and Elliott Bradbrook inflicted defeat.

AFC Hornchurch's play-off bid took a hit, losing 2-0 at Billericay Town who in turn ease their relegation fears - Billy Bricknell scoring two in the last 10 minutes.

Aveley kept their faint play-off hopes alive with a 3-1 victory over bottom club Waltham Abbey.

Sherwin Stanley scored in each half, and after Joseph Eubel pulled one back for Abbey, Nicky Symons made sure of the win on 80 minutes.

Lyle Taylor scored a 90th minute

goal to salvage a point for Concord Rangers in their 1-1 draw against East Thurrock United in Ryman League Division One North.

Sam Higgins gave East Thurrock a first half lead, scoring his 35 of the season, before Taylor's late showing to score his 33rd goal of this campaign.

The draw denied leaders Lowestoft Town the title who won 4-0 over Maldon Town - Jamie Forshaw, Dale Cockrill and a double from Matt Nolan inflicted defeat on Maldon.

Leyton remain in the bottom two, 12 points above Harlow Town, following their 1-1 home draw against VCD Athletic.

Charlie Hamsher put Leyton ahead on 70 minutes, but Anthony Hogg quickly equalised for the visitors.

Redbridge lifted themselves away from the relegation zone with their fourth win in six games, winning 2-0 over Romford. Mark Nougher and

Wayne Grant scoring for the Motor-men.

Ilford scored an impressive 6-1 victory over Potters Bar Town. Troy Hewitt bagged a hat-trick, while Junior Appiah got two and Derek Hawtin the other. Jordan Watson got Town's consolation.

At Thamesmead Town, Waltham Forest's Rob Carter was sent-off for a foul on his opposition namesake four minutes before half-time. Forest were already a goal to the good through Spencer Harrison's header on 28 minutes and the ten men hung on. On loan Russell Malton kept Heybridge Swifts' slim play-off hopes alive with a 90th minute winner at Brentwood Town.

Great Wakering Rovers also retain a remote chance of the play-offs following their 1-1 draw at Tilbury. Dan Trenkel gave Wakering a 15th minute lead, but Manlee Brown earned the Dockers a point with 15 minutes to go.